AGREEMENT

Between

The School Board of Lake County

and

The Lake County Education Association, Inc. Local 3783, FEA, AFT, NEA, AFL-CIO

Tavares, Florida

2017 - 2018 2018-2019

Second Year of a Three Year Contract

2017 - 2020

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| ARTICLE I – I | RECOGNITION |
|---------------|--|
| ARTICLE II – | BARGAINING PROCEDURE |
| ARTICLE III - | BOARD'S RIGHTS |
| ARTICLE IV - | - ASSOCIATION AND TEACHER RIGHTS |
| | 1 – Use of Facilities |
| | 2 – Posting Notices |
| | 3 – Mailboxes |
| | 4 – Email |
| Section | 5 – Courier System |
| Section | 6 – Conduct |
| Section | 7 – Personnel Files |
| Section | 8 – President and Vice President Leave of Absence and Association Line-of-Duty Leave |
| Section | 9 – Class Count |
| Section | 10 – Listing of Bargaining Unit Personnel |
| | 11 – Respect and Dignity in the Workplace |
| | 12 – New Teacher Orientation |
| ARTICLE V – | DUES/PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS |
| | 1 – Dues Deduction |
| Section | 2 – Payroll Deduction |
| | - NO STRIKES |
| ARTICLE VIII | I – DISCIPLINE |
| Section | 1 – Just Cause |
| Section | 2 – Discipline Process |
| | 3 – Superintendent Authority |
| Section | 4 – Association Representation |
| Section | 5 – Provisions |
| ARTICLE IX - | - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE |
| Section | * |
| | 2 – Definition |
| | 3 – Process |
| | 4 – Time Limits |
| | 5 – Procedure |
| | 1 |
| | 7 – Powers of Arbitrator |
| Section | 8 – Other Provisions |
| ARTICLE X – | TEACHING CONDITIONS |
| | 1 – Special Duties |
| | 2 – Teaching Supplies and Materials |
| | 3 – Work Area |
| Section | 4 – Faculty Area |

| Section | 5 – Telephones, Use of Electronic Devices/Cell Phones 20 |
|--------------|---|
| Section | 6 – Messages 20 |
| Section | 7 – Temporary Reassignments 20 |
| Section | 8 – Lesson Plans 2 |
| Section | 9 – Student/Parent Conference 2 |
| Section | 10 – Solicitation of Non-Instructional Materials 2 |
| Section | 11 – Money Collection 2 |
| Section | 12 – Notification of Tentative Teaching Assignments 2' |
| | 13 – Teacher Planning Days 2' |
| Section | 14 – Observation of Classroom 25 |
| | 15 – School Day 25 |
| Section | 16 - Grade Reporting |
| | 17 - Final Grades Reporting 28 |
| | 18 – Effective Teaching Center 28 |
| | 19 – Teacher of the Year Program 29 |
| | 20 – Substitute 30 |
| Section | 21 – Assignment of Authority 30 |
| | 22 – Protection 3 |
| Section | 23 – Complaint by Parent or Student 32 |
| | 24 – Student Teacher 32 |
| Section | 25 – Interview of Teacher Aide 32 |
| Section | 26 – Opportunity to make Recommendations 32 |
| | 27 – Board Assistance 32 |
| Section | 28 – Performing Medical/Hygiene Procedures 32 |
| | 29 – Administrative Supervisory Functions 32 |
| | 30 – Classroom Interruption 33 |
| | 31 – No Tobacco Use 33 |
| | 32 – Drug Free Workplace 33 |
| | 33 – Dress Code 33 |
| | 34 – Work Place Safety Committees 33 |
| | |
| | - WORKDAY AND RELATED MATTERS 3s |
| Section | 1 – Workday 35 |
| Section | 2 – Planning Period 36 |
| Section | 3 – School Schedules 3' |
| Section | 4 – Duty Free Lunch 3' |
| Section | 5 – Faculty Meetings 3' |
| Section | 6 – Early Dismissal 3' |
| Section | 7 – Leaving During Work Hours 38 |
| ADTICI E VII | - PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION 39 |
| Section | |
| | 2 – Credit on Salary Schedule for Military Service 39 |
| | 3 – Credit on Salary Schedule for New Teachers |
| | 4 – Filing Previous Years' Experience & Advance Degree Certificate 4 – Filing Previous Years' Experience & Advance Degree Certificate |
| Section | |
| | 6 – Teacher Work Year 4 |
| | |
| Section | 8 – Issuance of Checks 4 |
| | 9 – Overpayment 42 |
| | * * |
| | 10 – Stipend Rate for Workshops 42 |
| section | 11 – Health, Hospitalization, and Life Insurance 42 |

| Section 12 – Flexible Benefit | 43 |
|---|----|
| Section 13 – Emergency Closing of Schools | 43 |
| Section 14 – Granting of Supplement for Master's, Specialist's, and | |
| Doctorate's Degree | 43 |
| Section 15 – Direct Deposit | 44 |
| • | |
| ARTICLE XIII – TEACHER EVALUATION | 45 |
| Section 1 – Responsibility of Evaluation and Assessment | 45 |
| Section 2 – Primary Objective of Evaluation | 45 |
| Section 3 – Orientation to Evaluation Procedures and Criteria | 45 |
| Section 4 – Assessment Time Lines | 45 |
| Section 5 – Observation of Teachers | 45 |
| Section 6 – Joint Committee | 45 |
| Section 7 – Assessment Forms | 46 |
| Section 8 - Time Frame for Correcting Deficiencies | 46 |
| Section 9 – Objection to Written Evaluation | 46 |
| Section 10 – NEAT Procedure | 47 |
| Section 10 142/11 11occure | 17 |
| ARTICLE XIV – PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT | 48 |
| Section 1 – Filing of Certification | 48 |
| Section 2 – In-service Training Programs | 48 |
| Section 3 – Lake District Accountability Process | 48 |
| Section 4 – Complying with State Statute regarding | 70 |
| Professional Improvement | 48 |
| 1 Totessional improvement | 70 |
| ARTICLE XV – ALL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT TEACHERS | 49 |
| Section 1 – Specific Provisions for Instructional Personnel | 49 |
| Section 2 – Notification of Reappointment | 51 |
| Section 3 – Dismissal for Just Cause | 52 |
| Section 5 Distribution for Just Cause | 32 |
| ARTICLE XVI – DIFFERENTIAL PAY POSITIONS | 53 |
| Section 1 – Application for Differential Pay Positions | 53 |
| Section 2 – Differential Pay Salaries | 53 |
| Section 3 – Supplements and Instructional/Supervisory Duties | 53 |
| Section 4 – Appointing Teachers to Differential Pay Positions | |
| in Appendix D | 53 |
| Section 5 – Length of Differential Pay Appointment | 53 |
| Section 6 – Change in Differential Pay Assignment | 53 |
| Section 7 – Outline of Duties for Appendix D | 53 |
| Section 8 – Payment for Supplement Services | 54 |
| Section 9 – Number of Paid Supplements | 54 |
| Section 10 – Payment of Supplements for Contracted Period | 54 |
| Section 11 – Payment of Supplements for Less Than Contracted Period | 54 |
| Section 12 – Supplement for Head Football Coaches | 54 |
| Section 13 – Athletic Directorship | 54 |
| Section 14 – Athletic Fines | 54 |
| | |
| ARTICLE XVII – TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS IN FORCE & VACANCIES | 55 |
| Section 1 – Authority | 55 |
| Section 2 – Transfers | 55 |
| Section 3 – Vacancies | 55 |
| Section 4 – Reduction in Force | 56 |

| Section | 5 – Reassignments |
|-------------|--|
| Section | 6 – Redistribution of Teachers Due to the Opening, Closing |
| | and/or Redistricting of Schools |
| | |
| | III – LEAVE OF ABSENCE |
| | 1 – Definition |
| Section | 2 – Regular Sick Leave |
| Section | 3 – Sick Leave Bank |
| Section | 4 – Maternity/Parental Leave |
| Section | 5 – Leave for Personal Reasons Charged to Sick Leave |
| Section | 6 – Illness In-Line-of-Duty Leave |
| Section | 7 – Jury Duty Leave/Subpoenaed Witness Leave |
| | 8 – Temporary Duty/In-Line-of-Duty Leave |
| Section | 9 – Military Leave |
| Section | 10 – Vacation Leave |
| Section | 11 – Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons |
| Section | 12 – Leave of Absence for Extended Professional Leave |
| Section | 13 – Pre-Planning and Post-Planning Professional Leave |
| Section | 14 – Professional Leave to Attend Summer School |
| Section | 15 – Sabbatical Leave |
| Section | 16 – Family and Medical Leave Act |
| | · |
| ARTICLE XIX | T – TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT |
| Section | 1 – Reimbursement for Authorized Travel |
| Section | 2 – Mileage within District |
| | 3 – Travel to Same Destination |
| Section | 4 – Common Carrier |
| Section | 5 – Reimbursement for Tolls, Taxis, Etc |
| Section | 6 – Documentation for Reimbursement |
| | |
| | - SUMMER SCHOOL |
| | 1 –Summer Voluntary Pre-K Program |
| | 2 – Exceptional Child Summer School |
| Section | 3 – Summer School Program |
| | |
| | I – SCHOOL PLUS |
| | 1 – Applications and Assignments |
| | 2 – Advertising Positions |
| | 3 – Selection |
| | 4 – Changing Teachers |
| | 5 – Appointing Teachers |
| | 6 – Outline of Duties |
| | 7 – Member in Charge Procedures |
| | 8 – Workday |
| | 9 – Compensation |
| | 10 – Procedures for Being Absent |
| Section | 11 – Board's Rights to Cancel Program |
| | |
| | II – VIRTUAL SCHOOL |
| | 1 – Description |
| Section | 2 – Salary |

| ARTICLE XXIII – COPIES OF AGREEMENT | 74 |
|---|--|
| ARTICLE XXIV – SEPARABILITY | 75 |
| ARTICLE XXV – WAIVER | 76 |
| ARTICLE XXVI – DURATION OF AGREEMENT | 77 |
| APPENDIX A – 196-DAY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR | 78 |
| APPENDIX B – COMPENSATION PLAN Compensation Proposal Instructional Salary Schedule Psychologist Salary Schedule | 79 79 80 81 |
| APPENDIX C – ATHLETIC DIFFERENTIAL PAY SCHEDULE High School Supplements Middle School Supplements Special Olympics Supplements | 82 82 85 85 |
| APPENDIX D – DIFFERENTIAL PAY SCHEDULE ———————————————————————————————————— | 86 87 88 88 88 89 89 |
| APPENDIX E – FORMS | 90 90 92 93 94 95 96 |
| APPENDIX F – MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING Health Insurance | 97 97 98 99 100 |

ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

Section 1. For the duration of this Agreement, and for so long as the titles and/or functions will exist, the Board recognizes the Lake County Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for certificated teaching personnel who are on or who have been on contract with the Board during the duration of this Agreement in those positions, as determined by the Public Employees Relations Commission, listed below:

Athletic Trainer Certified School Counselor Content Area Coach Curriculum Resource Teacher **ELL School Specialist ESE School Specialist** High School Graduation Resource Facilitator **Innovative Learning Specialist** Instructional Coach Instructional Dean Instructional Technology Facilitator **Intervention Support Teacher** Library/Media Specialist Literacy Coach PK Resource Teacher Potential Specialist **Program Specialist Psychologist School Testing Specialist** Social Worker Speech/Language Pathologist Teacher

Clarifications of and amendments to the bargaining unit as defined above will be by mutual consent of the Board and the Association or, in case of dispute, by Public Employees Relations Commission determination and will be revised annually.

Section 2. The term "teacher," when used hereinafter in this Agreement will refer to all certificated teaching employees represented by the Association in the bargaining unit as determined in the preceding paragraph. When the masculine "he" is used in this Agreement it is understood that it will also refer to the feminine gender.

The parties agree that all part-time teachers whose primary position in the Lake County school system is to teach courses for which full-time certification is required will be considered members of the instructional bargaining unit and will receive all benefits thereof on a pro-rated basis.

ARTICLE II

BARGAINING PROCEDURE

- **Section 1.** The Association and the Board agree to establish these procedures for bargaining. Representatives of the two parties will negotiate an agreement including the determination of the wages, hours, and the terms and conditions of employment. Any agreement so bargained will be reduced to writing and signed by representatives of the Association and of the Board.
- **Section 2.** Members of both bargaining teams will be empowered to present data, exchange interests, brain-storm and to seek consensus in accordance with the principles of interest-based bargaining. The representatives selected by each party will have the authority to make and accept proposals and counter-proposals, to sign tentative agreements, and to recommend acceptance of agreements.
- Section 3. Bargaining teams will meet in open sessions. Scheduling for bargaining and mediation sessions will be held at mutually agreed upon place and time which will minimize the need for substitute teachers. It is the responsibility of the Board to properly advertise notice of the sessions to the public. Either team may ask for a recess or caucus. The time and agenda for the next meeting will be established at the end of each meeting. The rules of procedure listed in this Article may be changed at any time by free consent of both teams.
- **Section 4.** School Board meetings concerning ratification of a tentative agreement or consideration of a special master award will also normally be scheduled to begin after 5:00 p.m., unless circumstances require that the meeting begin at an earlier time. Should a Board meeting concerning ratification of a collective bargaining agreement or concerning consideration of a special master decision be held during the teacher contracted workday, ten (10) representatives of the Association will have the right to attend such a meeting provided that no more than two (2) are absent from any one school center at no cost to the Board.
- **Section 5.** Failure of either party to ratify the collectively bargained tentative agreement will cause the party who fails to ratify the tentative agreement to notify the other party within five (5) days after the rejection and to request date, time, and place to resume negotiations.
- **Section 6.** Negotiations for a successor agreement will begin on or before June 1 of the year this Agreement is due to expire. This date may be postponed by mutual consent.

Section 7.

- A. The Association agrees that upon completion of negotiations for a contract or any amendments or modifications thereto, the tentative agreements reached between the respective negotiators will be submitted for a ratification vote to the bargaining unit within thirty (30) calendar days.
- B. The Board agrees that upon the completion of negotiations for a contract, or any amendments or modifications thereto, the tentative agreements reached between the respective negotiators will be placed on the agenda for a ratification vote within thirty (30) calendar days.
- C. However, if any bargaining referred to in this Article is concluded during the period of time in which the majority of the bargaining unit is not actively on the job, the ratification process referred to in this Article will be postponed until such time as the majority of the bargaining unit is again actively on the job. In such case the first day on which the majority of the bargaining unit is again actively on the job will be construed to be the concluding date for bargaining for the purposes of ratification.
- **Section 8**. Matters of common concern may be subject to bargaining during the term of this Agreement upon the independent written request of either party and the free agreement of the other. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Waiver Article, neither party will have an obligation to bargain during the term of this Agreement. Any written request to bargain made by either party will be responded to in writing by the other party within five (5) working days.
- **Section 9**. Changes which do not substantially affect the Agreement, such as a word error or some other obvious error, may be changed by mutual agreement in a Memo of Understanding between the parties.
- **Section 10.** All parties to this Agreement will be expected to abide by the provisions of this contract. Violations may be subject to appropriate disciplinary and/or grievance procedures including but not limited to the referral to Educational and Professional Practices for review.

ARTICLE III

BOARD'S RIGHTS

It is understood and agreed that all of the rights, powers, and authority possessed by the Board prior to the signing of this Agreement are retained by the Board except where specifically abridged or modified by this Agreement. Accordingly, by way of illustration and not of limitation, the Board reserves to itself sole jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the following rights and responsibilities: (1) to direct employees of the School District; (2) to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees in positions in the School District; (3) to take disciplinary action for proper cause; (4) to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; (5) to maintain efficiency of the School District's operations; (6) to determine the methods, means, and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted; and (7) to take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the School District in situations of emergency. The exercise of any management rights by the Board will not be subject to the grievance-arbitration procedure herein unless the exercise of such a right violates a provision(s) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

ASSOCIATION AND TEACHER RIGHTS

Section 1. The Association will be entitled to the use of school facilities at reasonable times which do not conflict with use by other groups by submitting proper documentation for facility use, in advance, with the building administrator, provided that the Association agrees to pay for any custodial and/or utility charges determined by that building administrator to be necessary. The determination as to whether a charge will be made and the amount of such charge, if any, to be levied against the Association, will be made by the building administrators and will be based upon criteria equally applied to other school related groups using that specific building or area of that building. Request for such use by the Association will not be denied arbitrarily. Any large functions involving the public or non-school board employees would be subject to school board policy 9.30 and proof of insurance would be required. At the conclusion of the teacher workday, Association members will be entitled to hold brief Association meetings without being required to pay a facility usage fee. Such meeting(s) will not extend more than thirty (30) minutes beyond the end of the teacher workday.

When school is not in session, building administrators may give teachers personal access to their building and/or work area.

- **Section 2**. The Association may post notices concerning routine Association business on appropriate and specifically assigned bulletin boards provided by the Association in each school. A copy of or description of any notice so posted will be provided to the building principal at the time of posting.
- **Section 3**. The Association will be entitled to use the schools' mailboxes for communication to teachers through the postal service. Association members at the local schools will be entitled to use the school's mailboxes for receiving and distributing communications to teachers provided that such use in no way hampers or interferes with the orderly administrative operation of the school.

U.S. mail which is addressed to bargaining unit members and received at work sites will be placed in teachers' mailboxes by office staff in a timely manner.

Section 4. The President, Vice President, and Representatives of the Association will be entitled to use the district's e-mail system, for the purpose of communicating with all instructional personnel for contract ratification. LCEA email communication will not be used for membership recruitment purposes. In addition, they will be entitled to use the district's email system with LCEA members, but such use is restricted to new or changed aggreement language, contract ratification, election voting results, and meeting information. Use of the district's e-mail system will be monitored by the district's IT

Department. The Superintendent or his designee reserves the right to deny use of the district's e-mail system and such denial will be non-grievable.

Section 5. The Board's courier system, also known as Jack Rabbit will make a stop at the LCEA office, on the same schedule as schools. The President, Vice President and representatives of the Association will be entitled to use the district's courier system for the purpose of communicating with all instructional personnel for contract ratification. LCEA use of the district's courier system will not be used for membership recruitment purposes. In addition, they will be entitled to use the district's courier system with LCEA members, but such use is restricted to new or changed Agreement language, contract ratification, election voting results and meeting information. Use of the district's courier system will be monitored by the district's Grounds Department. The Superintendent or his designee reserves the right to deny use of the courier system and such denial will be non-grievable.

Section 6. So long as his conduct is in keeping with the standards of the teaching profession and those of commonly accepted respectability and dignity of the community in which he serves, the private and personal life of a teacher is not the concern of the Board except as it can be demonstrated that it interferes with his professional responsibility to and his relationship with his pupils.

Section 7.

A. Personnel Files.

- 1. The setting up and maintenance of personnel files are legal responsibilities of the Board.
- 2. All documents maintained concerning a teacher to be used for official purposes will be kept in the Human Resources personnel file. Files maintained at the school or center level will contain support information relating to documents in the teacher's official file and will be used for official purposes as support information when necessary.
- 3. No derogatory materials relating to an employee's conduct, service, character, or personality will be placed in the personnel file of such employee except for materials pertaining to work performance or such other matters that may be cause for discipline, suspension, or dismissal under Florida Statutes. Any anonymous letter or materials will not be placed in the personnel file.
- 4. The official personnel file will hold confidential those items defined as confidential in Section 1012.31, Florida Statutes. According to statute 1012.31(4), personnel file means all records, information, data, or materials maintained by a public school system, in any form, or retrieval system, which is uniquely applicable to that employee whether maintained in one or more

locations. The worksite file may not contain any information, which is defined as confidential except for college transcripts, the stat sheet and the current and previous year(s) evaluations. Inspection of personnel files by anyone will be governed by Florida Statutes.

- B. Each teacher or his designee will have the right, upon request, in writing, to review the contents of his own district or school personnel file. The teacher must make an appointment with Human Resources (district file) or school/department records custodian (school file) in order for an administrator or designee to be present when the teacher's file is inspected. At least 48 hours' notice is needed to respond to this request.
- C. A teacher may purchase a copy of any document in his personnel file, except those considered privileged and/or confidential, upon making proper arrangements with Human Resources. The decision as to what documents will be included in or excluded from a teacher's personnel file is a managerial prerogative of the Board and/or its designee, except that any teacher may have included any written defense or disagreement concerning any document contained in his personnel file, and may grieve same. Teachers will sign such documents prior to insertion into the personnel file and within one day to signify they have seen such material. Such signature will not indicate acceptance or approval of statements contained in such material.

Section 8.

- A. The President and Vice President of the Association will, upon request, be granted a leave of absence at no cost to the Board, for a period of up to one (1) year at a time for the purpose of engaging in Association activities. The President and the Vice President will be entitled to participate in Board approved benefit plans (health, life, Florida Retirement, social security) by paying his own and the Board's contributions to all plans requiring such contributions. The Board will provide payroll services to the President and Vice President. The cost of such services will be reimbursed by the Association. At the conclusion of the leave, the President and Vice President will be returned to the teaching position held at the commencement of the leave, if such position exists, or to a position of similar status.
- B. The Association will, upon approval of the Superintendent, be entitled to have its members released from school on line-of-duty leave to attend workshops, conferences, conventions, and other activities but must reimburse the district for substitute teacher costs incurred.

- **Section 9.** The Association will be provided once each semester upon request with a report on the number of students enrolled in each of the teachers' classes. The costs will be the normal charge as paid by other groups or persons. There will be no charge for digital reports under this section.
- **Section 10.** By October 1 of each year, the Board will provide the Association with the names of all bargaining unit personnel listed (a) alphabetically within the district, and (b) alphabetically within each school location/worksite. Any changes, additions or deletions to this list will be provided to the Association on a monthly basis after October 1 through June 1 of each school year.
- **Section 11.** All employees will be treated with respect and dignity in the workplace in accordance with school board policies 3.43 and 6.362.
- **Section 12.** The Association will be permitted thirty (30) minutes, of uninterrupted time, with no outside vendors, at each new teacher orientation throughout the school year to speak with all employees. Both parties will mutually agree upon a time and understand that employee attendance at this meeting is strictly voluntary and at no cost whatsoever to the District.

ARTICLE V

DUES/PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Section 1. Dues Deduction.

- A. Any Association member who has previously so authorized and is on dues deduction at the beginning of this Agreement, or any teacher who subsequent to the beginning of this Agreement applies for membership in the Association and duly authorizes dues to be deducted from his salary through payroll deduction will have his Association dues deducted through payroll deduction. Such authorization will continue in effect for the duration of this Agreement unless revoked in writing to both the School Board and the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the dues deduction date on which termination of dues deduction is to become effective. Pursuant to such authorization the Board will deduct from each of the teacher's regular salary checks the appropriate dues amount as designated by the Association. The deductions will be remitted within ten (10) days after deduction to the Association with a list of names of those persons from whose salaries dues have been deducted along with EIN, job assignment, work site, dues amount, and date of payment.
- B. The Association will indemnify, defend, and hold the Board harmless against and from any and all claims that may arise out of action which the Board may take in order to provide this service, unless the claim is attributable to an error solely on the part of the Board.
- C. It is understood that the LCEA authorization form for payroll deductions, as published in the appendix, will be the official one for the duration of this Agreement.
- D. Properly signed authorizations must be submitted to the payroll department at least ten (10) working days prior to the next deduction date.

Section 2. Payroll Deduction.

- A. Employees will be given three (3) additional payroll deduction slots which may be used for deductions authorized by the employee in writing to the LCEA and the School Board. Such deductions will be submitted to the Board by the LCEA. The LCEA will be responsible for providing the properly executed authorization form(s) to the Board.
- B. The Board will deduct the authorized amount in equal deductions from the teacher's salary check.

- C. The purpose for this additional deduction will be for a program of employee economic benefits which is arranged by or through the LCEA and which is not in competition with the School Board's health and hospitalization program.
- D. All deductions made for LCEA authorized benefits will be remitted to LCEA. LCEA will be responsible for payment to any 3rd party vendors.
- E. The Association will indemnify, defend, and hold the Board harmless against and from any and all claims that may arise out of action which the Board may take in order to provide this service, unless the claim is attributable to an error solely on the part of the Board.
- F. Employees will make an authorization in writing through the LCEA to the School Board as to the amount of the deduction. The amount of the deduction may be changed with a properly authorized form, as published in the appendix, prior to the deduction. This deduction may be terminated upon written request to both the School Board and the LCEA not less than thirty (30) days prior to the deduction date on which termination of the deduction is to become effective.

ARTICLE VI

NO STRIKES

The Association agrees that neither it nor its members will participate in a strike against the Board by instigating or supporting in any manner a strike. "Strike" means the concerted failure of employees to report for duty; the concerted absence of employees from their positions; the concerted stoppage of work by employees; the concerted submission of resignations by employees; the concerted abstinence in whole or in part by any group of employees from the full and faithful performance of the duties of employment for the purpose of inducing, influencing, condoning, or coercing a change in the terms and conditions of employment or the rights, privileges, or obligations of public employment, or participating in a deliberate and concerted course of conduct which adversely affects the services of the Board; the concerted failure of employees to report for work after the expiration of this Agreement; and picketing in furtherance of a work stoppage. The term "strike" will also mean any overt preparation, including, but not limited to, the establishment of strike funds with regard to the above-listed activities.

The Association further agrees that it will do everything in its power to prevent its members from engaging in a strike and that in the event a strike does occur, the Association will use all available means to effectuate a cessation of the strike activity.

It is expressly agreed and understood that in the event of a strike the Board may, in addition to other remedies available to it under law, petition a court of competent jurisdiction for appropriate relief.

ARTICLE VII

NON-DISCRIMINATION

- **Section 1.** The Board and Association agree that they will faithfully abide by state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination against employees.
- **Section 2.** The Board and the Association hereby agree that every teacher will have the right freely and voluntarily to organize, join, support, and benefit from the Association, or to refrain from such activity.
- **Section 3.** The Board and Association further agree that they will not discriminate against any teacher by reason of his membership or nonmembership in the Association or his active participation in the Association. The parties also agree that they will not directly or indirectly discriminate against, discourage, deprive, or coerce any teacher because of the exercise of any rights conferred by this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII

DISCIPLINE

- **Section 1.** Employees will not be subjected to any form of discipline without just cause. As used herein, just cause means that the employer has a *just* and *proper reason* to cause an action to be taken against an employee. Any teacher in danger of dismissal because of poor performance will be afforded the NEAT procedure as stated in F.S. 1012.34.
- **Section 2**. The Superintendent retains the right and responsibility to manage the work force. When the discipline of any employee becomes necessary, such action should be in proportion to the employee's offense or misconduct, consistent with appropriate procedural and substantive due process, State law, and/or the specific provisions of any appropriate collective bargaining agreement. Discipline may be initiated at any level, based on the nature of the offense and the particular circumstances. For the same reason, three or four minimal repetitive offenses do not necessarily create grounds for suspension or dismissal.

Examples of actions resulting in immediate suspension or dismissal may include, but are not limited to, the following: immorality, gross insubordination, willful neglect of duty, incompetence, substance abuse including alcohol, being convicted or found guilty of or pleading guilty to (regardless of adjudication of guilt) any crime involving moral turpitude.

- A. Step 1. Counseling: This is an opportunity for the employee and the Administrator to informally discuss work-related problems and concerns. The counseling session is designed to help the employee:
 - 1. Recognize the mistake or deficiency
 - 2. Accept the policy or procedure that is required
 - 3. Clarify expectations and procedures
 - 4. Understand the consequences of failing to meet the standards
- B. Step 2. Level I Verbal Reprimand: This action is used to get the attention of the employee while the situation is still correctable. The employee will be entitled to union representation. The primary purpose of this step is to alleviate any misunderstandings and to clarify the direction for necessary and successful correction of the problem. A Level I reprimand should:
 - 1. Point out that future behavior of a similar type may result in more serious disciplinary action

- 2. Indicate clearly the nature of the concern, cite the work procedures, rule or policy governing the concern, and explain precisely what corrective action is expected
- 3. Be confirmed in writing using the Level I Reprimand Form, with a copy sent to the Human Resource Department, and placed in the personnel record. The employee should be advised that a copy of the reprimand will be placed in his/her personnel record. If no additional disciplinary action is taken during the twelve (12) months that followed the issuing of the Level I Reprimand and the current administrator and the employee will sign-off to note that no additional disciplinary action was taken and will not be the basis of further progressive discipline.
- C. Step 3. Level II Written Reprimand: This action is utilized when prior counseling sessions and/or the oral reprimand have not resulted in satisfactory changes of behavior. The employee will be entitled to union representation. A Level II reprimand may or may not be preceded by a Level I reprimand, depending on the type of violation. When issuing a Level II reprimand the Supervisor should:
 - 1. Contact the Employee Relations Department
 - 2. Review prior disciplinary actions taken
 - 3. Notify the employee of the specific policy or procedure being violated
 - 4. Place the employee on written notice that corrective action must be taken
 - 5. Use the Level II Reprimand Memo to identify specific facts and information as opposed to hearsay and unfounded conclusions
 - 6. Advise the employee that the Level II reprimand will impact the annual performance evaluation
 - 7. Advise the employee that a copy of the written reprimand will be placed in his/her personnel file and forwarded to the Human Resource Department

If no additional disciplinary action is taken during the twelve (12) months that followed the issuing of the written reprimand, the current administrator and the employee will sign-off to note that no additional disciplinary action was taken and will not be the basis for further progressive discipline.

D. Step 4. Suspension: The Employee Relations Department will handle all disciplinary issues that may warrant suspension. The Administrator should contact the Employee Relations Department when this step is necessary. Suspension may

be used when the employee has not responded to counseling, verbal or written reprimands or commits a more serious policy violation that warrants suspension. The suspension will be administered pursuant to School Board Policy 6.38. The employee will be entitled to union representation.

Suspension Pending Investigation:

- There are situations where the employee may need to be removed from the
 workplace before an investigation can be conducted. These may include, but
 are not limited to, sexual harassment, disorderly conduct, or other situations
 where the employee presents a potential threat to other employees, students,
 or others.
- 2. A suspension, pending an investigation, is imposed with the understanding that a final decision relative to the appropriate disciplinary action will be made after the investigation by the Employee Relations Department.
- 3. If there is no cause for disciplinary action, the employee will receive pay for the regular earnings lost during the suspension if it was deemed without pay.
- E. Step 5. Termination: If previous steps of the disciplinary process have been unsuccessful, the employee may be terminated from employment. Certain violations may warrant immediate termination. Because of the severity in the loss of one's job employees should be terminated only after a thorough investigation.

The investigation should conclude that:

- 1. The employee did, in fact, commit the act
- 2. Evidence of guilt is available
- 3. The employee's entire work record, positive and negative, has been considered
- 4. The same rules are applied uniformly to other employees
- 5. The penalty of dismissal is reasonably related to the seriousness of the offense

Prior to taking formal termination action, the Employee Relations Department must confirm that the employee has received procedural due process. This procedure requires the Employee Relations Department to have a pre-termination meeting with the employee, which includes, but may not be limited to:

- 1. Informing the employee of the charges
- 2. Providing the employee with an opportunity to respond to the charges

3. Having representation present, if requested

Following the pre-termination meeting, if it is still decided that the appropriate course of action is dismissal:

- 1. A written notice will be provided to the employee at the time the action is taken. If the employee is not available and the notice must be mailed, it will be sent by certified mail to ensure delivery is made. If the notice is returned unclaimed by the Post Office, the letter will be placed in the employee's file in the Employee Relations Department.
- 2. The employee is informed of the reasons for the dismissal with each incident of offense identified.

In all cases, the discipline imposed, and the length of a suspension will be based on just cause and will take into account the following factors:

- The seriousness of the offense or performance deficiency
- The impact of the offense or performance deficiency on the employee's relationship with the supervisor, with other employees and with the public
- The extent to which the offense or performance deficiency was the result of mistake or misunderstanding rather than willfulness
- The employee's years of service
- The employee's own disciplinary record
- The employee's own performance record
- The type of discipline given to employees in similar situations in the past
- The timeliness of the discipline
- Mitigating factors or unusual circumstances
- F. In case where discipline has been administered to an employee, a subsequent, unrelated minor offense may be deemed a first offense for progressive discipline purposes.

Section 3. The Superintendent has the authority to suspend employees with and/or without pay, to reassign employees including reassignment of duties and responsibilities within a work site or within the District, and, recommend discharge of employees when the interest of the school system and the operation and efficiency of the school system requires such action.

Section 4. In disciplinary cases the Association Member will have the right to be represented by the Association. Further, any Association Member will be entitled to have an Association representative present at any conference called by a supervisor at which the Association Member has reasonable cause to believe that matters will be discussed or actions taken which could result in disciplinary action. The Association_Member will have the responsibility for requesting the presence of an Association representative, and, except in emergency or unusual situations, the conference will not be held until the Association representative has been given an opportunity to be present. The Association Member will cooperate fully as to the matter(s) being investigated.

Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, representation of employees by the Association will be governed by the provisions of Section 447.401, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IX

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, equitable solutions to the problems which may arise affecting the welfare or working conditions of employees. Both parties agree that proceedings will be kept as informal and as confidential as may be appropriate and legal at any level of the procedure.

Section 2. Definition.

- A. A "grievance" is an alleged violation of this Agreement or any dispute with respect to its meaning or application.
- B. A "teacher" is any person in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement.
- C. An "aggrieved party" is the teacher or group of teachers who submit(s) a grievance, signed at the appropriate step, or on whose behalf a grievance, signed by the teacher(s) at the appropriate step, is submitted by the Association, or the Association, who, when acting as a party in interest, submits a grievance, signed at the appropriate step, by an official of the Association.
- D. The term "employer" will mean the School Board or the administration.
- E. The term "Association" will refer to the Lake County Education Association, Inc., Local 3783, FEA, AFT, NEA, AFL-CIO.

Section 3. Process.

All grievances will be filed on the official form, as published in the appendix, and processed according to the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4. Time Limits.

Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level is to be considered the maximum and every effort will be made to expedite the process before the deadlines are reached. Time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual written agreement.

All time limits herein will consist of working days unless otherwise specified.

The failure of an aggrieved person to proceed from one step of the grievance procedure to the next step within the time limits as set forth herein will be deemed to be a waiver of the grievance and will constitute a waiver of any future appeal concerning the particular grievance. The failure of an administrator to communicate his decision to the employee will permit the employee to proceed to the next step in the grievance procedure.

Section 5. Procedure.

Step 1. In the event an employee believes he has a grievance, the employee will discuss the problem with his immediate supervisor as soon as possible. If the matter cannot be resolved amicably, and if the employee wishes to proceed further, the employee will file a written grievance with his principal containing the following information: (1) the date of the occurrence of the alleged grievance; (2) the contract article(s) allegedly violated; (3) a complete statement of the facts giving rise to the grievance; (4) the names of witnesses; (5) the relief sought. Such a grievance must be filed with the employee's principal within fifteen (15) days after the grievant knew or should have known of the incident which is the basis of the grievance. Within three (3) days after receipt of the grievance, the principal or designee will hold a meeting with the grievant to resolve the grievance. The principal or designee will indicate his disposition of the grievance within five (5) days of the meeting held to resolve it. Such disposition will be in writing and will be furnished to the grievant and to the Association. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition at Step 1, or if no disposition is filed within the time limit, the grievant may process the grievance to the next step.

Step 2. Within five (5) days after receipt by the grievant of the principal's disposition of the grievance, the grievant will file a request for review with the Superintendent or designee, stating in detail the reason the grievant desires such a review. A copy of the request will be provided to the grievant's principal and to the Association. The Superintendent or his designee(s) will authorize the request for review to be investigated, and within ten (10) days of the date that the request for the review was filed, the Superintendent or designee will conduct a meeting on the grievance. The grievant, his principal, and the Association will each be notified of the time and place of the meeting and will have the opportunity to be present and to be heard at the meeting. Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the Superintendent or designee will notify in writing all the parties concerned of his findings.

Step 3. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the previous decision, or within twenty (20) days of the previous step hearing if no response is forthcoming, the grievant/Association may file a request for arbitration with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The FMCS will furnish a panel of seven (7) names from which each party will have the option of alternately striking three (3) names, thus leaving the seventh who will be the impartial arbitrator. A copy of the request to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will be promptly furnished to the other party by the party requesting the panel from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and will set forth findings of fact, reasoning, and conclusions on the issues submitted and, where permitted by law, may include a monetary award.

Section 6. Special Provisions for Discipline Cases.

- A. Suspension or dismissal during the school year.
 - 1. Cases involving suspension or dismissal of an employee during the school year will be governed by the provisions of Sections 1012.33(6) and 120.57, Florida Statutes. An employee involved in such a case will be entitled to a hearing before a hearing officer assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings.
 - 2. If the employee who is suspended or dismissed was on continuing contract at the time such action was taken, such an employee will have the right to elect either to appeal such action through the statutory procedure of Section 1012.33(6), Florida Statutes, or to appeal the action through arbitration. If the employee chooses to utilize the statutory procedure, the employee waives arbitration. Similarly, if the employee chooses arbitration, the employee waives the statutory procedure. In no case will an employee have the right to pursue the suspension or dismissal through both arbitration and statutory procedure.
 - 3. If the employee who is suspended or dismissed by the Board is on annual contract, and the employee wishes to appeal the decision of the Board, such an employee must do so through the arbitration procedure of this Agreement.
 - 4. If an employee elects to appeal the decision of the Board in a dismissal or suspension case to arbitration, the employee must file a written request for arbitration with the Superintendent within five (5) days after the employee is notified of the action taken by the Board. Thereafter, the procedure for selection of an arbitrator will be that specified in Step 3 of the grievance procedure of this Agreement.
 - 5. In arbitrations involving suspension or dismissal, the arbitrator will be bound by the following standards in addition to those contained in Section 7 of this Article:
 - (a) "Proper cause" for suspension or dismissal will be those offenses specified in Section 1012.33(6), Florida Statutes.
 - (b) The arbitration will be considered as an appeal from the decision of the School Board. Accordingly, the arbitrator will consider whether or not the decision of the School Board regarding the charges against the employee is supported by substantial competent

evidence on the record considered as a whole. The arbitrator may not reject or modify findings of fact unless the arbitrator first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in his decision that said findings were not based upon competent evidence. The arbitrator will have no authority to substitute his discretion for that of the School Board with respect to the severity of the penalty imposed upon the employee by the School Board unless the employee can demonstrate that the penalty imposed was arbitrary and capricious under the circumstances.

(c) Priority will be given to deciding dismissal and suspension cases and the arbitrator will make his best effort to decide these cases within fourteen (14) days of the hearing.

B. Other forms of discipline.

- 1. Disputes concerning discipline other than suspension or dismissal will be processed through the grievance-arbitration procedure of this Agreement.
- 2. "Proper cause" for such disciplinary action (i.e., discipline other than suspension or dismissal) will include, but will not be limited to, those offenses described in Section 1012.33(6), Florida Statutes, and it is expressly agreed and understood that discipline (excluding suspension and dismissal) may be taken against an employee not only for the offenses specified in said statute but also for lesser offenses.
- 3. The arbitrator will have no authority to substitute his discretion for that of the Superintendent with respect to the severity of the penalty imposed upon the employee by the Superintendent, unless the employee can demonstrate the penalty imposed was arbitrary and capricious under the circumstances.

Section 7. Powers of Arbitrator.

- A. It will be the function of the arbitrator, and he will be empowered, except as his powers are limited below, after due investigation, to make a decision in cases of alleged violation of the specific articles and sections of this Agreement. He will have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
- B. The arbitrator will have no power to change any policy, or rule of the Board, nor to substitute his judgment for that of the Board as to the reasonableness of such policy or rule.

- C. If either party disputes the arbitrability of any grievance under the terms of this Agreement, the arbitrator will decide if the grievance is arbitrable, subject to judicial review in accordance with law.
- D. The decision of the arbitrator in any case will not require a retroactive wage adjustment in any other case.
- E. All arbitration cases will be conducted and considered as an appellate process, and the grievant will have the burden of proof in all cases except for discipline cases.
- F. Actions of the Board, except those which violate the terms and conditions of this Agreement, will be exempt from arbitration.

Section 8. Other Provisions.

A. Costs.

The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, and the cost of the arbitration process will be borne equally by the Board and the Association.

The Association will not be responsible for costs of the arbitrator or the arbitration process if the Association does not desire to carry a specific grievance to arbitration. In such case the grievant(s) may proceed to arbitration independently, provided that the costs thereof are assumed by the grievant(s). The Association, however, will be entitled to be present during the arbitration process. In no case will the Board be responsible for more than one-half (1/2) of the cost of the arbitrator or the arbitration process.

B. Release Time.

Step 1 of the grievance procedure will be initiated during the regular teacher workday and may be extended by mutual agreement.

C. Representation.

1. Any employee who is a member of the Association will have the right to have Association representation during the grievance procedure and will not be required to discuss his grievance if such representative is not present. Upon request to the Association, non-Association employees of the bargaining unit may have the Association process grievances. Such representation will be at the discretion of the Association. Any employee will have the right to process his own grievance(s) at any time, in person or by legal counsel, and to have such grievance(s) adjusted without the

intervention of the Association, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, and provided the Association has been given reasonable opportunity to be present at any meeting, including arbitration, called for the resolution of such grievance(s) and to present its position concerning the dispute, and provided that no employee organization other than the Association be allowed to intervene in the process of the resolution of such grievances.

2. In dealing with the processing of grievances, Association representatives may be granted reasonable access to school personnel during the working day where in the opinion of the principal such would not interfere with the duties or responsibilities of the persons involved.

D. No Reprisals.

No reprisals will be invoked against any party(ies) for processing a grievance or participating in any way in the grievance procedure. Documents of any kind or form pertaining to the initiation, processing, or settlement of any grievance will be placed in a confidential file established solely for this purpose.

E. Communication.

Each of the parties will provide to the other, where legal, all materials, communications, decisions, or other information relative to the processing of any grievance. A fair and equitable cost may be charged to the requesting party.

F. Any grievance arising under this Agreement will be processed through the grievance procedure as outlined herein until resolution is reached or the grievance is withdrawn. With the mutual consent of the parties, mediation will be an option at any step.

G. End of the Year Grievance.

In the event a grievance is filed on or after June 1, which, if left unresolved until the beginning of the following school year, could result in irreparable harm to a party in interest, the time limits set forth herein will be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school term, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

- H. Grievances involving the Association and grievances involving more than one (1) teacher or more than one (1) school center will begin at Step 2.
- I. All grievances and responses must be submitted on the official forms as published in the Appendix.

J. Withdrawal of Grievance.

The grievant(s) may withdraw a grievance at any point in the procedure provided that the same grievance will not be filed a second time.

- K. The filing of a grievance will in no way interfere with the right of the Board to proceed in carrying out its management responsibilities, subject to the final decision of the grievance.
- L. The grievant must be present at all grievance hearings unless an emergency arises or it is agreed by both parties that the hearing will be postponed or that the grievant's presence is unnecessary; otherwise the grievance will be considered waived.
- M. In the event the alleged grievance involves an order, requirement, etc., the grievant will fulfill or carry out any such order or requirements, etc., pending the final decision of the grievance.
- N. Any written agreement reached between the Board and the Association is binding on all parties affected and cannot be changed by any individual.
- O. Step l of this Grievance Procedure may be passed to the next level for any reason as determined by the Board or its representative (e.g. no authority to make the decision). In such cases, the reason, therefore, will be stated on the proper grievance form.
- P. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, disputes or matters involving the renewal or non-renewal of contracts will not be subject to the grievance/arbitration procedure of this Agreement. Such matters will be dealt with under the procedure contained in ARTICLE XIII.

ARTICLE X

TEACHING CONDITIONS

Section 1.

A. Extra Student Supervision

When the building administrator determines teachers are needed to perform extrastudent supervision and to participate in other school-related activities for which no supplement is paid during and beyond the normal teacher workday and teachers are assigned to such duties by the building administrator in order to implement the total school program, the building administrator will formulate a plan for such duties with the Leadership Team. This team will include the administrator, instructional personnel (both load bearing and non-load bearing) non-instructional staff member(s) and LCEA representative or designee. This plan will include equitable rotation procedures in determining the assignments of such duties. A schedule with routine extra student supervision duties will be given to teachers within the first two (2) weeks of school. The scheduled duties will last no longer than is equitable based on the requirements of the school.

Teachers performing extra- and co-curricular duties after the normal teacher workday will be entitled to equal release time during the workday other than pupil time, arrangements being made and approved by the school principal.

B. Extra student supervision duties during the work day which teachers will be expected to perform are those non-teaching duties normally associated with teaching such as, but not limited to, bus duty, lunchroom duty, playground duty, hall duty, lavatory duty, assembly duty, and supervision of other places where pupils may congregate during the school day.

Section 2. Teachers will be provided with supplies, textbooks, materials, and equipment determined by the Board to be essential to teaching and courses assigned. In requesting additional supplies, textbooks, materials, and equipment, teachers will be entitled to receive sufficient financial information to enable them to present requests in priority. At the end of the school year, the teacher will not be financially responsible for any missing and/or damaged textbooks or digital equipment with normal wear and tear.

If a teacher believes he needs additional materials, special materials, or special assistance for students with unique needs, the teacher will bring this request to the principal's attention. If the principal has the authority to grant or deny the request, the principal will do so as soon as possible. If not, the principal will bring the request to the attention of the appropriate administrator in the District Office for disposition. The teacher will be advised of the disposition. The local school budget will be made available for faculty information.

Section 3. Teachers will be provided with an area or space in which to work and each school will make available to teachers an accessible process for use in preparing instructional material needed. The nature of the area may vary depending upon local conditions. Areas designed for security will be provided in this space or another space in the building.

Where practicable, when a teacher is required to move from classroom to classroom in order to provide instruction (floating teachers), the administration will attempt to locate classrooms in the same general area of the school facility and, whenever possible, assign more experienced teachers to handle such assignments.

Section 4. Within its ability, the Board will make available in each school a lunch area, restroom and lavatory facilities, and parking area exclusively for employee use, and at least one area which will be reserved for use as a faculty work area.

Section 5. Telephones will be available to teachers for reasonable use at all schools. To the degree possible, teachers will be afforded privacy in use of the telephone. Official school business will take precedence over all other uses of the telephone.

The use of technology, including electronic communication devices, for academic learning is encouraged, but the use of these devices will be directly related to academic instruction. To maximize teaching and learning, protect student learning time, and provide a safe learning environment, the use of all electronic communication devices, including but not limited to email and telephones/cell phones, are permitted only during duty-free time. Any exception requires prior administrative approval.

Section 6. Messages may be received at the school for teachers. Incoming messages will be received and noted as to date, time, and name of sender and placed in the teacher's mailbox. Messages should be delivered to the teacher upon receipt if it is determined that such messages are of emergency nature.

Section 7. Emergency communication procedures will be established for each school. Both parties acknowledge the responsibility of the building administrator to exercise the authority to reassign temporarily any teacher's duties to meet any emergency situation. For the purpose of this section, an emergency will mean something unexpected, unavoidable, or unplanned and temporarily will mean no longer than one (1) day. Teachers will be expected, in the performance of their duty, to do what any prudent person would be expected to do under similar circumstances except that no teacher will be required to perform any act which may reasonably be considered to endanger the health, safety, or well-being of the teacher. The Leadership Team (see definition in Section 1A) will develop plans to deal with emergency situations. Such plans will use faculty-developed equitable rotation procedures involving the use of all staff with teaching certification, striving not to over-utilize the same teachers. If emergency

coverage of another classroom results in a third planning period in a week being used, the teacher will be paid for a planning period outside of established work hours.

Section 8. Every teacher will exercise professional judgment in teaching course content and in planning for its implementation. In so doing, it is understood that the teacher is accountable for the results of his judgment and meeting current state mandates.

Teachers will be expected to establish and encourage high standards of student performance, which are professionally defensible and appropriate for the learning situation involved. District blueprints will be used by teachers, as a guide, in planning and teaching course content, and teachers will be responsible for teaching required standards. For auditing purposes, the official form for documenting required standards, as published in the appendix, will be used.

Teachers will be required to maintain daily and long-range lesson plans but such plans need not follow a standardized format. Lesson plans will include information identifying course outline items. Such plans will be made available on a daily, weekly, and/or alternate basis as requested by the principal

Section 9. Teachers will make themselves available for student and parent conferences. Where practicable, conferences dealing with parent/student/teacher concerns will be scheduled at times convenient for all parties concerned; timely notification as well as opportunity for input and feedback will be provided. The principal will have the final authority in setting conference times and dates.

Where practicable and in circumstances where a teacher refers a student to a special program or other instructional setting, the referring teacher may participate in any conference(s) relating to that placement. The principal will have final authority in setting the time for conferences.

Every reasonable effort will be made in each school to provide a facility for private conferences.

- **Section 10.** Teachers will not be required to attend meetings held for the solicitation of non-instructional materials.
- **Section 11.** Every reasonable effort will be made to reduce the money-collecting responsibilities of teachers.
- **Section 12.** Teachers will be notified in writing of their tentative fall teaching assignments prior to post planning of the preceding year. Whenever circumstances dictate changes in assignments, building administrators will notify teachers as soon as possible, via summer contact information, with an explanation.
- **Section 13.** Teacher planning days which occur during the student school year will be used primarily for self-directed activities such as maintaining and updating records,

planning for the next term, and for faculty and/or departmental meetings at the local school. Any other activity must have the specific permission of the building administrator. Faculty and department meetings, excluding collaborative planning, will not exceed one-half of the day with the exception of the extenuating circumstances or emergencies.

Section 14. Observations of a teacher's class by persons other than district/school administrative/supervisory personnel and other authorized personnel may occur only after consent has been granted by the building administrator and after conferring with the teacher involved. Twenty-four (24) hours notification will be given, when possible, if district teams of four (4) or more conduct a classroom visit. The Learning Walk Tool used for classroom visits will not include the teacher's name and will only be used to provide overall grade level and/or department assistance.

Section 15. Unless otherwise modified by the terms of this Agreement, teachers will use the school day for carrying out their assigned responsibilities.

Section 16. To facilitate student and parent monitoring of student progress, timely reporting of grades on the district approved electronic reporting system is expected.

- A. Regular posting of grades should occur within one week of the assignment/assessment due date.
- B. If a new student enters without transfer grades, administration, guidance and/or data clerk will calculate a grade for the teacher(s) to enter. A comment should be entered by the teacher(s) stating that this grade was not given during their supervision.
- C. Posting of grades for some assignments/assessments may require additional time. These may include projects, extended writing and Document Based Questions (DBQ'S).

Section 17. The reporting of final grades at the conclusion of the first and third marking period will not be required prior to the close of the second workday following said period. A minimum of one (1) of the two (2) workdays will be without students present.

Early release days will be provided at the end of each semester for the purpose of assisting teachers in administering and grading student examinations at the middle and high school level and providing planning time for teachers at the elementary level.

Section 18.

A. The Effective Teaching Center (ETC) was a collaborative professional development process that began in 1985 with an American Federation of Teachers grant as a partnership between the Lake County Education Association and Lake County Schools.

B. Professional Development of Lake County Schools is united in an invitational, collaborative process designed to enhance professional practice and to foster professional learning opportunities, with researched based strategies. The strategies may include those provided by District or Educational and Dissemination (ER&D) Department of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) with the intent_to increase student achievement.

The guiding principles of this process include:

- With high expectations and strong support, all students will strive for and attain higher level of achievement.
- Professional practitioners possess the tools and have the responsibility to close the achievement gap.
- Professional decisions are driven by student achievement/growth and are guided by data analysis.
- Educators must engage students' families and communities as valued partners.
- On an annual basis, a joint committee appointed by the LCEA and district bargaining teams, will review the district professional development program and make recommendations to the administrative designee over Professional Development of Lake County Schools. The committee will review participant data, fiscal accountability and identify teacher needs when formulating recommendations.
- Implementation of research components developed by the ER&D department of the American Federation of Teachers will continue. Topics selected by the Joint Committee will align with the district, state and national initiatives. The Association will continue to financially support participation in the ER&D training activities.
- 3. Professional Development of Lake County Schools will continue to prioritize support collaboration by providing substitutes, stipends and resource materials as financial resources permit. Classes for this program may be held at the Lake County Learning Resource Center (LRC) and/or LCEA meeting room.
- 4. Professional learning opportunities will be provided through contemporary models including, online, blended coaching and mentoring, and face-to-face sessions at school and district level, with an emphasis on building capacity and sustainability at individual school sites.

Section 19. Guidelines developed by the Education Foundation and approved by LCEA, and the Superintendent for the selection of Lake County's Teacher of the Year Program will be reviewed annually in order to comply with the State Department of Education requirements. Each school will have at least one (1) LCEA representative help count the nomination ballots and the election ballots for Teacher of the Year Selections.

Section 20. On occasions when the teacher is absent for a minimum of one (1) school day or longer, and provided that a suitable substitute is available, the Board agrees that such substitute will be provided except in situations where an (other) teacher(s) voluntarily agree(s) to cover the class(es) or assignment(s) of the absent teacher, or in those situations where no substitute is required.

Section 21.

- A. Each teacher or other member of the staff of any school will assume such authority for the control of pupils as may be assigned to him by the principal and will keep good order in the classroom and in other places in which he is assigned to be in charge of pupils, but he will not inflict corporal punishment before consulting the principal or his designee, and in no case will such punishment be degrading or unduly severe in its nature. Under no circumstances may a teacher suspend a pupil from class unless appropriate district procedures jointly developed by the parties and consistent with Florida Statutes are followed. When, in the judgment of the teacher, a student is by his behavior seriously disrupting the instructional program to the detriment of other students, the teacher may refer the student to the principal or his designee. The principal or his designee will provide assistance and support to teachers in the handling of these referrals, and will respond in writing to the teacher making said referral by noting the action taken by the administrator involved. The teacher may request a conference with the principal or his designee and possibly an appropriate specialist as soon as possible to discuss the problem and to decide upon appropriate steps for its resolution.
- B A teacher may send a student to the building administrator's office to maintain effective discipline in the classroom. The school referral process will be used and reflect the teacher's statement of fact when applying discipline. The principal will employ appropriate discipline-management techniques consistent with the code of conduct under Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes, and report his actions to the teacher.

A teacher may remove a student from class and send the student to the principal's office: (1) when the student's behavior has been documented by the teacher to repeatedly interfere with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn; or (2) when the teacher determines that the student's behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn.

The teacher is responsible for providing and maintaining all documentation required for the removal of a student from the teacher's class. The teacher's documentation will include at least three (3) interventions at the classroom level (one must be parental contact); at least three (3) referrals (Level II or chronic Level I disruptions) to the office for disciplinary action; and, a conference with the

teacher, student, and administration which may include the parent when possible. The teacher will use the agreed upon form found in the Appendix.

If a teacher removes a student from class, the principal may place the student in another appropriate classroom, in in-school suspension, or in an alternative education program; or the principal may recommend the student for out-of-school suspension or expulsion as appropriate. The student may be prohibited from attending or participating in school sponsored or school-related activities. The principal may not return the student to that teacher's class without the teacher's consent unless the committee established herein determines that such placement is the best or only available alternative. The teacher and the Placement Review Committee must render decisions within five (5) workdays of the removal of the student from the classroom. Records of all decisions of the committee will respond in writing to the teacher making said referral by noting the action taken by the administrator involved. The teacher may request a conference with the principal or his designee and possibly an appropriate specialist as soon as possible to discuss the problem and to decide upon appropriate steps for its resolution will be maintained which include among other things the student's name, the teacher's documentation, the teacher's recommendation, the committee's decision and the committee's rationale for the decision.

Each school will determine the number of Placement Review Committees appropriate for its grade configuration and the length of time to be served by the committee members. Each school will establish Placement Review Committees to determine placement of a student when a teacher withholds consent to return a student to the teacher's class. Committee membership must include at least the following: two (2) teachers elected by the eligible bargaining unit members at the school, one (1) member of the school staff selected by the principal, one (1) teacher alternate elected by the eligible bargaining unit members at the school. An alternate will serve when a regular teacher member is unable to serve. Sufficient teacher alternates will be elected to ensure that the Committee will have at least one teacher available for the grade level range or subject area in which the disruptive student is enrolled. If the size of the Committee is increased, the ratio of two elected by the faculty and one selected by the principal will be maintained.

Any teacher who exercises the option to remove twenty-five percent (25%) of his or her class enrollment during the class year or course term will be required to complete professional development activities to improve classroom management skills. The district will be responsible for providing that component at reasonable times and places. The required activity(ies) must be completed before the beginning of the next school year.

Section 22. A teacher may act as necessary and appropriate to protect himself from attack or to prevent injury to another person.

- **Section 23.** The Board or its representatives upon any complaint by a parent or student directed toward a teacher may investigate the problem until a reasonable solution is achieved. Any complaint regarding a teacher made to the administration by any parents, students, or other person, which is considered in a written evaluation of a teacher's performance or which may result in disciplinary action, will be promptly called to his attention. Such notification to the teacher will include the name of the parent, student, or other person lodging the complaint. Please refer to School Board Policy 6.36.
- **Section 24.** No teacher will be required to accept and supervise a student teacher or any other type of teacher trainee, nor will teachers who accept be held responsible for any actions or judgments on the part of such persons operating in instructional settings as a part of preservice programs. Teachers who do agree to such supervisory assignments will be informed of guidelines under which trainees will operate and will be responsible for seeing that these guidelines are followed.
- **Section 25.** To the extent possible, teachers will have the opportunity to be present at the interviewing of teacher aide applicants with whom the teachers will work. The principal will have the final authority to recommend the teacher aide for appointment.
- **Section 26.** Where practicable, teachers and/or faculty-appointed committees will be given the opportunity to make recommendations to the building administrator in studying, planning, and implementing programs of study and other operational procedures of the school and will be encouraged to become actively involved in matters which directly affect students. The recommendations of the teachers and/or faculty-appointed committees will not be altered; however, the decisions of the building administrator will be final in all cases.
- **Section 27.** The Board agrees that it will provide assistance, including consultation with the Board's attorney, to teachers in situations involving alleged violations of Sections 784.081, 1006.145 and 1012.26, Florida Statutes, where the Board determines, in its discretion, that such assistance is proper and appropriate.
- **Section 28**. When teachers are called upon to perform medical or hygiene procedures for students, they will do so in accordance with Florida Statutes and will receive adequate training prior to providing assistance.
- **Section 29.** It is not the responsibility of the Association or of the members of the bargaining unit to exercise administrative or supervisory functions in the management of the schools. In the event, however, that it becomes necessary for the principal of a school to be away from the school grounds, and no other Administrator is available, he may assign administrative duties to a member of the bargaining unit of that school provided that such member agrees to assume such administrative function.
- **Section 30.** Classrooms will not be interrupted through the use of intercommunication systems more than absolutely necessary; if abuse of this provision occurs, teachers will be

entitled to recommend remedies for eliminating such abuse. The principal will have the final authority in the control and operation of the intercommunication system.

Section 31. No Tobacco Use.

In order to safeguard the health and safety of all employees in the Lake County School District, the parties agree that the use of all tobacco and vaping products is prohibited in all School Board facilities, on all School board property, and in all School Board vehicles.

Section 32. Drug Free Workplace.

The School Board of Lake County and the Lake County Education Association subscribe to, support, and promote the goal of a drug free workplace in accordance with Section 112.0455, Florida Statutes - Drug Free Workplace Act.

The Drug Free Workplace policy ratified by the Board and the LCEA will be a part of this Agreement. Please refer to School Board Policy 6.33, Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

Section 33. Dress Code.

The LCEA and the Board agree that teachers will be expected to dress in a professional manner which promotes mutual respect from students, colleagues, and the general public. Attire will not be offensive or adversely distracting, and it will adhere to basic standards of good grooming, personal cleanliness, modesty, and safety. Teachers will wear clothing appropriate to their job assignments, including the wearing of special protective gear when needed. Casual attire will be allowed on designated days and/or for designated activities as long as it meets generally accepted standards for appropriateness in the workplace. In the event an administrator believes a teacher's dress or appearance fails to meet district professional standards, the administrator will have the right to confer with the employee and to require that improvements be made.

Section 34. Work Place Safety Committees.

- A. In order to promote health and safety in places of employment in the Lake County School District, the LCEA and the Board agree that a workplace safety committee will be formed at each school and departmental work site in the District. The committee will be governed by Section 442.012, Florida Statutes. The goal of the committee will be to reduce the occupational hazards confronting employees.
- B. The LCEA will appoint no more than two (2) representatives to each school and departmental safety committee. One of the work site administrators will be a member of each committee. Management may also appoint an additional employee who is not included in the bargaining unit.

C. Committee activities will include, but are not limited to, examining records; investigating workplace accidents, safety-related incidents, illnesses and deaths; conducting workplace inspections; conducting surveys of workers; conducting employee interviews; determining health and safety training needs; and making recommendations to reduce the occupational risks confronting employees. Bargaining unit employees who are appointed to the committees will be compensated their regular hourly wage while engaged in workplace safety committee training, meetings or other duties belonging to the committee as prescribed by law.

ARTICLE XI

WORKDAY AND RELATED MATTERS

Section 1. Workday.

- A. Teachers are compensated on a salary basis for all hours worked. The normal teacher workday will be seven (7) hours and thirty (30) minutes. However, there are certain activities which are part of the total program of the school district, and such activities will be carried out in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - 1. A teacher may be required to work a maximum of thirty (30) minutes before or after the normal workday for meetings, such as, but not limited to, parent/guardian meetings, faculty meetings, and IEP meetings. A Teacher who is required by a principal to attend meetings that extend beyond the normal workday, will be entitled to be released at pupil dismissal time on a subsequent day within five (5) workdays of the meeting, the exact date to be determined by mutual agreement between the teacher and the principal. Release time may be scheduled at an alternate time subject to principal approval. Upon the fifth time within the current school year that a teacher is required to attend such meeting, they will be entitled to submit their time for verification and receive special compensation at their normal hourly rate of pay. Meetings with the faculty to share information concerning emergency or extraordinary situations are excluded from this portion of the agreement.
 - 2. A teacher may be required to participate in no more than three (3) evening, or weekend activities during the school year. A teacher who is required by a principal to attend such a function will be entitled to equal release time during the teacher workday, such as early release Wednesdays, teacher workdays or other times approved by the school principal.
 - 3. In implementing the above, reasonable advance notice will be given to the teacher(s) and special consideration will be given to individual cases where personal hardship would be involved.
- B. The above time limit restrictions on the teacher workday will not be applicable to Those teachers who receive supplements for additional activities.
- C. The time for reporting for duty and the responsibility for scheduling starting and ending times is delegated to the respective principals, following consideration of input from the Leadership Team, but such matters must be submitted to the Superintendent for approval

Section 2. Planning Period.

The Lake County School Board and the Lake County Education Association commit to protect the individual teacher planning period. The objective is to serve student needs while meeting all state and federal requirements. The individual teacher planning period is defined as the period during the work day when teachers can plan for their own classes and students and is teacher directed.

The Leadership Team will make recommendations to ensure equitable, maximum instructional time and planning period for every teacher. It is further understood that the principal will have final authority in determining the staff's schedule of instructional time and planning period. However, a principal will have the right to require a teacher(s) to engage in other activities (such as testing programs) as necessary under appropriate circumstances while continuing to provide planning time.

All teachers will be provided no less than a forty five (45) minute planning period on non-early release days for a total of at least 135 hours of planning time, annually. Time before school or during student passing are not included in this total. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, any deviation from this requirement that provides less than forty five (45) minutes will require a majority result from an anonymous vote of all instructional staff.

Teachers will have the equivalent of four individual planning periods per week without school required group meetings such as collaborative planning, PLC's and professional development (this includes scheduled and required meetings by literacy coaches etc.) or the obligation to provide emergency sub coverage for other teacher's classes. Teachers may choose to meet as a group more often.

The following types of meetings are exempt and teachers are expected to attend: IEP, parent conferences, MTSS, 504 etc.

Collaborative planning, other group meetings and provision of sub coverage may be scheduled as follows:

- A. One planning period per week may be scheduled with a required meeting, or emergency sub coverage following the guidelines outlined in Article X, Section 7.
- B. If a second planning period is required in a week, teachers will be given an equivalent amount of time for individual planning on early release Wednesday.
- C. If a third planning period in a week is required, teachers must be paid for a planning period outside of established work hours. When teachers are provided an additional paid planning period, it must be completed on the school site within one week or the pay is forfeited. If or when necessary, teachers will work with the payroll

designee at the school to report and submit the necessary form for special compensation.

During state/district testing, an exception to these guidelines will be made to provide teacher proctors during planning periods without additional compensation.

Schools under state monitored differentiated accountability (DA) must have flexibility to meet their requirements. Teachers may be required to participate in additional collaborative planning or professional development during planning periods but will be compensated for planning outside of the work day.

Section 3. School Schedules.

All schools will have the option of utilizing non-traditional class scheduling involving variations in length of class periods. Full-time middle school teachers will be assigned no more than five (5) rosters of students. Full-time high school teachers will be assigned no more than six (6) rosters of students. Middle school and high school times for intervention and acceleration in the school schedule will only include students from a teacher's assigned roster for core curriculum courses unless otherwise requested by content area or grade level team. All other instructional staff will be incorporated into the school's plan for intervention and acceleration with an equal responsibility to support students. No additional lesson planning or grading will be required for this period of time.

Section 4. Duty Free Lunch.

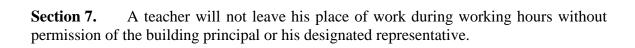
Every teacher will be assured a duty free time for lunch, of no less than thirty (30) minutes. Elementary school teachers may be expected to assist in assuring that their students are properly in the lunch line before taking their lunch break. This will not be interpreted as requiring that a teacher eat lunch with his students unless he desires to do so. On days on which students are not present, the duty-free lunch period will be one (1) hour and will be included in the normal teacher workday.

Section 5. Faculty Meetings.

Faculty meetings will generally be held during the teacher workday. Teachers will not be required to stay more than thirty (30) minutes beyond the teacher workday for faculty meetings. The early release provision of Section 1 will not be applicable to faculty meetings which may extend beyond the teacher workday.

Section 6. Early Dismissal.

Teachers will be dismissed promptly after regular pupil dismissal time, excluding Early Release Wednesdays, on days immediately preceding a holiday, with the exception of teachers who are performing a student supervisory responsibility.



ARTICLE XII

PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

Section 1. The placement schedules will be as set forth in Appendix B which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement. Such schedule will be based on a 196-day school calendar as negotiated by the Board and the Association and will contain five (5) paid holidays. Schedules used in prior years for salary placement will remain published on the Human Resources website for historical reference.

Teachers will be provided with access to information as to the manner of their salary calculation (Skyward custom form "Salary Summary") by the end of the second month upon ratification of the contract. Newly hired teachers will receive direction in regards to online access to salary information, a general explanation of the current placement schedule and the methods used to calculate the salary amount for each pay period at new employee orientation.

Section 2.

- A. Credit on the placement schedules will be given a teacher for each year of active military service up to a maximum of four (4) years. A minimum of six (6) months active military service is required to qualify for a year of service.
- B. All new teachers whose first day of employment, according to the effective date of the employment contract, falls after July 1, 2001, will be given credit on the placement schedules for each year full-time teaching service for which a satisfactory performance evaluation was received. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to reemployed retired instructional personnel.

Accredited private school teaching and/or accredited college teaching will mean that, for each year claimed, the private school/college was accredited by its respective accrediting association during the period of teaching service, and the teacher was contracted full-time.

For salary purposes only, a minimum of 743 work-hours will be required to qualify as a year of teaching experience. Any teacher who does not meet the 743 work-hour requirement in a given year of employment in Lake County will be entitled to combine the hours acquired from more than one year of partial service in Lake County in order to advance to the next step of the placement schedules. Hours accrued in Lake County will have been for work completed in the bargaining unit classifications set forth in Article I.

D. Credit on the placement schedules will be given to new vocational and technical teachers for all properly verified full-time teaching and vocational work

- experience specifically related to their teaching assignment, above the work experience required for certification, subject to the restrictions in Section 3.
- E. Phychologists, Social Workers, and Speech/ Language Pathologists will be given up to five years salary credit for similar or related social work in private, hospital or clinical settings. The experience must be properly verified.
- **Section 3.** Credit given on the placement schedules for new teachers pursuant to 2A, 2B, 2C or any combination thereof will not exceed the maximum salary (25+) allowed on the schedule. Teachers employed prior to these dates will receive credit only for the number of years allowed by this Article at the time of their initial employment.

Any discrepancy that occurs between the employee's claim of experience and the experience which is verified will be communicated in writing to the employee within fifteen (15) days of learning of the discrepancy-

Section 4.

- A. It is the responsibility of the teacher to provide, on forms furnished by the district, verification of all full-time teaching experience earned outside of Lake County. Teachers will be paid the entry level salary based on the degree held at the time of employment; except, that all previous Lake County experience, up to the maximum allowed on the placement schedules, be credited on the first (1st) day of employment. Verification of experience must be received by the Board within one year from the date of hire. Any salary adjustment for experience credit will be retroactive to the first duty day of the employee's regular work year, in the fiscal year in which the verification is received. Adjustments will be made when verification of experience is received by Human Resources.
- B. Teachers completing requirements from an accredited institution for an advanced degree will provide an official transcript to Human Resources. If the official transcript does not indicate the completion date of the requirements for an advanced degree, an official letter from the registrar of the institution will be required. It is understood that it will be the individual employee's responsibility to provide verification of advanced degree completion. If the advanced degree is earned in the current school year, a salary adjustment will be made retroactive to when the degree requirements were met. If the advanced degree was earned in a previous school year, a salary adjustment will be made retroactive to the beginning date of the current school year.
- **Section 5.** As determined by Section 1012.61, Florida Statutes, and School Board Policy 6.912, the Board will provide terminal pay to any teacher upon the teacher's normal retirement or to the teacher's beneficiary if service is terminated by death. Such terminal pay will not exceed an amount determined as follows:

- A. During the first three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by thirty-five percent (35%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.
- B. During the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by forty percent (40%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.
- C. During the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by forty-five percent (45%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.
- D. During the next three (3) years of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by fifty percent (50%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.
- E. During and after the thirteenth (13th) year of service, the daily rate of pay multiplied by one hundred percent (100%) times the number of days of accumulated sick leave.

Terminal pay for a teacher who was employed by the Lake County Schools after the 1979-80 school year will be computed according to one of the above formulas except that "sick days" utilized in said computation will be only those sick days accrued by the teacher while employed by the Lake County Schools.

- **Section 6.** The regular teacher work year will be 196 days. Teachers whose duties require their full-time services on an extended basis will be paid at a daily rate of 1/196 of the annual salary applicable, such amount to be added to their regular annual salary for pay purposes.
- **Section 7.** Employees who work beyond the basic 196-day contract will be given a contract approved by the Board that includes the additional days they work. All teachers in positions which fall in this category will be notified of the terms of their contract prior to July 1 preceding the school year affected.
- **Section 8.** Members of the bargaining unit who are on 196-day contracts will have the option of being paid 1/24 or 1/21 of their annual gross salary less deductions semimonthly, on the fifteenth (15th) and at the end of each month throughout the school year. After the bargaining unit member selects the option, the option will remain in force for the fiscal period.

For teachers on 196-day contracts and selecting the 24-pay option, two (2) checks in the amount of the annual gross salary less deductions will be issued monthly beginning August 31.

For teachers on 196-day contract and selecting the 21 pay option, two (2) checks in the amount of the annual gross salary less deductions will be issued monthly beginning August 31.

For those teachers' working days beyond the 196-day contract, the daily rate of pay for each additional workday will be added to the 196-day gross salary. The total gross salary less deductions will be divided by twenty-four (24) to determine the amount of each paycheck to be issued twice monthly from August through July.

Teachers can contact the district's payroll department if assistance is needed in clarifying income sources.

Section 9. A teacher will be notified if any overpayments or underpayments are made by the school system. They will be correctly adjusted prior to the end of the contract year, according to a payment schedule agreed upon by the teacher and the representatives of the school system Finance Office, unless by mutual consent an alternate arrangement is negotiated.

Section 10. Those teachers participating in summer workshops, and/or seminars or continuations thereof, outside of the regular workday, for which the District School Board is responsible for setting compensation, will be paid the approved District stipend rate.

Section 11. Health, Hospitalization, and Life Insurance.

- A. The benefits of the program for employees and dependents will be as outlined in the schedules of benefits.
- B. Both parties agree that consensus has been reached on the implementation of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., blue options Plans 3359, 3559, 3166/3167, 5771, the Aetna Resource for Living, Inc./EAP program, and the Sunlife Financial Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment programs.
 - Florida Blue Options Plan 3559 is considered the Base Employee Health Insurance Plan. The Board will pay an amount equal to 95% of the base plan for employee only coverage, regardless of which health insurance plan the employee selects. For purposes of this benefit, full-time is defined as an employee who works six (6) or more hours per day. Bargaining unit employees, who elect to have child, spouse and/or family coverage, will pay contributions for child, spouse and/or family coverage.
- C. Any increase in contributions or decrease in insurance benefits will be reviewed by the Joint Insurance Advisory Committee and negotiated between the Board and the Association prior to the effective date of said change. The parties agree to begin negotiations no later than ten (10) days after the District presents an increase in contributions or a decrease in benefits based on actuarial recommendation reported to the Joint Insurance Advisory Committee.

- D. Teachers can contact the district level administrator who will be responsible for coordination of these insurance benefits if assistance is needed regarding the School Board approved health and life insurance program.
- E. The Board and the Association agree that LCEA will appoint five (5) bargaining unit employees as representatives of the Association to serve on the District's established Joint Advisory Insurance Committee. The committee members will participate in the development of a Standard Operating Procedure for the Joint Advisory Insurance Committee.
- F. Commencing on or about January 15 of each year, the Board and the Association agree to allow the Joint Insurance Advisory Committee to recommend any changes to the specifications for the insurance coverage to be included in insurance proposals. Further, the Board agrees that said proposals will be advertised for health and life insurance coverage for the period after September 1 of each calendar year, unless negotiations with insurance companies produce a result which is satisfactory to both parties.
- G. When a school administrator requests teachers to participate in a school sponsored activity, they will be considered as acting in the course and scope of their employment for workers' compensation purposes.

Section 12. The District School Board of Lake County will provide a flexible benefit compensation plan. Implementation of the program after June 30, 1989, will be subject to enrollment and a minimum of \$30,000 monthly reduction to offset administrative operation costs. The plan will comply with Statute 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Additional fringe benefits available through payroll deduction will include: (1) dependent health care; (2) dental care (choice of 1 of 3); (3) vision care (choice of 1 of 2); (4) disability income protection; and, (5) life insurance.

The Board reserves the right on an annual basis to cancel plans that are not in the best interest of employees.

Section 13. When an emergency, as determined by the Superintendent or his designee, requires closing of school for students, school will be closed for teachers also. Teachers will be paid their regular salary during such emergency; however, if the Superintendent and the Board deem it necessary, teachers will make up such time missed during an emergency at a time designated by the Board, after negotiations with the Association, without further payment of any compensation.

Section 14. A salary supplement for a Master's Degree, Specialist Degree, or Doctorate Degree, earned from an accredited college or university, may only be awarded if the advanced degree is held in the individual's area of certification. Teachers currently employed who received the advanced degree differential prior to July 1, 2011 are

grandfathered in and will continue to receive the differential provided there is not a break in service with the district.

Section 15. The Board will deposit the employee's paycheck directly to a bank or other financial institution of the employee's choice, provided that said bank or institution is equipped electronically to handle such deposit. After the bargaining unit member has selected direct deposit, direct deposit will remain in force until the District receives written notification from the employee. Effective with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, employees will receive compensation through direct deposit. Employees may request a temporary waiver of Direct Deposit if a hardship has been requested and approved.

ARTICLE XIII

TEACHER EVALUATION

- **Section 1.** The evaluation and assessment of the performance of each teacher is solely the responsibility of the administration and may not be delegated.
- **Section 2.** It is agreed further that the primary objective of the Teacher Evaluation and Achievement Model (TEAM) is to improve the quality of instruction, encourage professional growth and promote student achievement.
- **Section 3.** Teachers will be oriented to the evaluation model, procedures and criteria, by their building administrator, within the first six (6) weeks of each school year or date of employment.
- **Section 4.** The evaluation of teaching performance of all teachers will occur annually, using the appropriate evaluation instrument, and according to the TEAM Procedural Guide:
- A. Probationary teachers will be evaluated once each semester following the approved TEAM procedures and meeting current state mandates
- B. Teachers holding continuing, professional service, or annual contracts will be evaluated once each year following the approved TEAM procedures and meeting current state mandates.
- C. Under normal circumstances a conference between the teacher and the assessor who conducted the formal observation will be held within five (5) working days of the time of the observation was performed.

Section 5.

- A. Observations of a teacher's performance may occur as often as the assessor deems necessary.
- B. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a teacher will be conducted openly.

Section 6.

A. The LCEA and the School Board agree that the TEAM Joint Committee, composed of an equal number of representatives from each party, will continue to coordinate and monitor development and implementation of the evaluation process. The TEAM Joint Committee will be authorized to explore any areas which directly or indirectly affect the evaluation process and/or influence the

professional growth of teachers. All implementation will be in accordance with current state mandates.

D. The teacher evaluation instruments for all bargaining unit employees will be those forms agreed to by both parties as set forth in the TEAM district-approved plan.

Section 7. A teacher may make a request in writing to the principal for additional classroom observation(s) and written feedback by other Managerial personnel. Any feedback evaluation prepared by such Managerial personnel will be given to the principal of the school with a copy to the teacher. A request for additional classroom observation(s) must be made at least 10 days prior to the end of the student calendar year in order to be included in the Instructional Practice Evaluation report and Summative Evaluation report.

Section 8. Upon initial notification of their evaluation report, teachers will acknowledge the receipt of the document no later than the next work day. In the event that a teacher feels his Instructional Practice Score evaluation was incomplete or inaccurate, he may put his objections in writing. This appeal should be made within 10 days of receipt of the Instructional Practice Score to the building administrator and the assigned district administrator or designee. The district administrator or designee will set-up a meeting with the teacher and the building administrator to review the Instructional Practice Score data. In the event that the teacher is an LCEA member, he may request to have an LCEA officer available for representation during the Instruction Practice Score evaluation appeal meeting. The teacher will be notified of the results within 5 working days. If the review of the Instructional Practice Score results in a change of the score, the Instructional Practice Evaluation report will be amended.

Section 9. The summative evaluation will be reviewed after student assessment data becomes available. In the event that a teacher feels his Summative evaluation is incomplete or inaccurate, he may put his objections in writing to the building administrator and the assigned district administrator or designee. This appeal should be made within 10 days of receipt of the Summative evaluation score. The district administrator or designee will set-up a meeting with the teacher and the building administrator to review the student assessment evaluation data. In the event that the teacher is a LCEA member, he may request to have an LCEA officer available for representation during the Summative evaluation appeal meeting. The teacher will be notified of the results within 5 working days. If the review of the additional student assessment data results in a change in the Student Performance Measures Score and Summative evaluation score the Summative evaluation report will be amended.

- **Section 10.** Any teacher in danger of dismissal because of poor performance <u>will will</u> be afforded the NEAT procedure, as stated in F.S. 1012.34, which includes:
 - **N** Notice of alleged deficiencies which, if not corrected, would lead to dismissal
 - **E** Explanation to the teacher of alleged deficiencies and suggestions for correction
 - **A** Assistance rendered by the administration to correct alleged deficiencies
 - \boldsymbol{T} Time for alleged deficiencies to be corrected.

ARTICLE XIV

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

- **Section 1.** Newly-hired teachers, teachers who have a change in their certificate status, and teachers who have renewed their certificates or their clinical license must file their valid certificates or clinical license and an official transcripts(s) of credits with the Human Resources Department. Failure to file the certificates, clinical license, and/or official transcript(s) within thirty (30) days of their initial hire date will result in withholding of compensation until such filing(s) has been completed.
- **Section 2.** When inservice training programs or teachers' meetings are held during teachers' regular working hours, all teachers required to be involved will attend for the full time of the program and contribute to the work at hand, unless excused in writing by the appropriate administrator. Newly-hired teachers may attend a new teacher orientation, prior to the regular contractual year and will receive compensation if budgeted and Board approved.

Section 3. Lake District Accountability Process.

- A. Nothing contained in the district and/or local school accountability process will be construed to lessen or otherwise alter the authority of the school principal as provided for in law, rules or regulations. All schools will be required to have a school improvement plan according to state guidelines.
- B. School improvement plans which require waivers of the negotiated Agreement will be subject to the approval of the School Board and the LCEA.

Section 4. Teachers will comply with current State Statutes regarding professional improvement.

ARTICLE XV

ALL INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT TEACHERS

Section 1. Specific Provisions for Instructional Personnel as stated in current Florida Statutes

- A. 1. Instructional Probationary Annual Contract is an employment contract for a period of one (1) school year, awarded to instructional personnel upon initial employment with the School Board of Lake County, FL. Instructional Probationary Annual Contract teachers may be dismissed without cause or may resign without breach of contract.
 - 2. Instructional Probationary Annual Contract may not be awarded by the School Board more than once to the same employee unless the person was rehired after a break in service for which an authorized leave of absence was not granted.
 - 3. Instructional Probationary Annual Contract will be awarded regardless of previous employment in another school district or state.
 - 4. Upon successful completion of the Instructional Probationary Annual Contract, the School Board may award an Annual Contract under the following provisions:
 - a. The employee has successfully completed an Instructional Probationary Annual Contract with the School Board for one (1) year.
 - b. The employee holds an active professional certificate or temporary certificate or Local Vocational Certificate according to School Board Policy issued pursuant to F.S. 1012.56 and rules of the State Board of Education.
 - c. The employee has been recommended by the District School Superintendent for the Annual Contract based upon the individual's evaluation under F.S. 1012.34 and approved by the District School Board.
- B. 1. Annual Contract is an employment contract for a period of no longer than one (1) school year which the District School Board may choose to award or not award without cause. The Annual Contract is issued to a member of the instructional staff who has completed the following requirements as of July 1, 2011 as outlined in State Board of Education Rules and F.S. 1012.335.
 - a. Holds an active professional certificate or temporary certificate issued pursuant to F.S. 1012.56 and State Board of Education Rules or an active local vocational certificate issued pursuant to School Board policy #6.21.
 - b. Has been recommended by the District School Superintendent for the Annual Contract based upon the individual's evaluation under

- F.S. 1012.34, the Lake County Teacher Evaluation and Achievement Model (TEAM), and approved by the District School Board.
- c. Has not received two (2) consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory, two (2) annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory within a three (3) year period, or three (3) consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of needs improvement or a combination of needs improvement and unsatisfactory under F.S. 1012.34 and F.S.1012.35
- 2. An Annual Contract instructional employee who accepts a written offer from the School Board and leaves the position without prior release from the same will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Education Practices Commission.
- C. 1. Professional Service Contract is a contract issued to a member of the Instructional staff who has completed the following requirements on or after July 1, 1984 or before July 1, 2011 as outlined in State Board Rules and F.S. 1012.33:
 - a. Holds an active professional certificate or an active local vocational certificate.
 - b. Has been recommended by the District School Superintendent and reappointed by the District School Board based on successful performance of duties and demonstration of professional competence.
 - 2. Professional Service Contract will be renewed each year unless:
 - a. The District School Superintendent, after receiving the recommendations required, charges the employee with unsatisfactory performance and notifies the employee of performance deficiencies as required by F.S. 1012.34; or
 - b. The employee receives two (2) consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory, two (2) annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory within a three (3) year period or three (3) consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of needs improvement or a combination of needs improvement and unsatisfactory under F.S. 1012.34 F.S. 1012.33.
 - 3. The employee who holds a Professional Service Contract will be placed on performance probation and governed by the provisions of this section for 90 calendar days following the receipt of the notice of unsatisfactory performance to demonstrate corrective action. School holidays and school vacation periods are not counted when calculating the 90-calendar day period. During the 90 calendar days, the employee who holds a Professional Service Contract must be evaluated periodically and appraised of progress achieved and must be provided assistance and inservice training opportunities to help correct the noted performance

deficiencies. At any time during the 90 calendar days, the employee who holds a Professional Service Contract may request a transfer to another appropriate position with a different supervising administrator; however, if a transfer is granted pursuant to F.S. 1012.27(1) and 1012.28(6), it does not extend the period for correcting performance deficiencies.

- D. 1. Continuing Contract is a contract issued to a member of the instructional Staff who completed the specific requirements prior to July 1, 1984 as outlined in State Board Rules and F.S. 1012.33
 - 2. Continuing Contract teachers will be renewed each year unless the employee has received two consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory, two annual performance evaluation ratings of unsatisfactory within a 3-year period, or three consecutive annual performance evaluation ratings of needs improvement or a combination of needs improvement and unsatisfactory under F.S. 1012.34 and SB 736. The provisions of F.S. 1012.33 will be followed regarding contract renewal.

Section 2. Notification of Reappointment

- A. 1. Currently, state statute does not allow reappointment of annual contract teachers based on their evaluation. If state statute changes, this item will be brought to bargaining to readdress this issue immediately. At that time, language will be negotiated to allow for reappointment based on effective/highly effective evaluation status of previous year(s)
 - 2. Annual and Probationary contract teachers determined by school administration to be reappointed, will be reappointed prior to the instructional transfer period.
 - 3. The district School Board will have no re-employment obligations to Annual contract teachers. If subsequently rehired on or before September 15th of the following school year, such teachers will be considered to have maintained continuous employment status for the purposes of this contract.
 - 4. The District School Board will have no re-employment obligations to a temporary teacher who has been hired to fill in for a teacher on Board-approved leave.
- B. Based on employment needs determined by the Board, teachers may be employed for specified periods of time less than one hundred ninety-six (196) days.

Section 3. Dismissal of Instructional Personnel for Just Cause

- A. Any instructional employee may be dismissed during the term of the contract for just cause. Just cause is defined by rule of the State Board of Education as:
 - 1. Immorality;
 - 2. Misconduct in office;
 - 3. Incompetency;
 - 4. Gross Insubordination;
 - 5. Willful neglect of duty or;
 - 6. Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty to, regardless of adjudication of guilt; any crime involving moral turpitude
- B. The dismissal for just cause cited in Article XIII is not meant in any way to limit the discipline that is outlined in Article VIII of the Agreement Employee Discipline Plan.

ARTICLE XVI

DIFFERENTIAL PAY POSITIONS

- **Section 1.** All teachers will be entitled to apply for differential pay positions. No teacher will be required to accept a differential pay position unless a suitable, qualified volunteer is not available for the position. Prior to any bargaining unit member being required to accept a differential pay position the administration will solicit volunteers through advertisements in (1) the school; (2) the school district; (3) the community in which the school is located. In cases of emergency the principal will temporarily appoint, on a short term basis, a bargaining unit member to fill the position until a suitable qualified person assumes the position. Qualification and suitability will be determined by the Superintendent or his designee.
- **Section 2.** Differential pay salaries will be those as set forth in Appendices C and D which are incorporated in this Agreement. Teachers appointed to such positions will be paid in accordance with the said appendix. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, supplement allocations will be determined by student enrollment.
- **Section 3.** All instructional staff receiving supplements will carry a full instructional/supervisory load and such duties for which a supplement is received will normally be conducted in addition to the regular teacher workday. Any exception to this provision must be approved by the Superintendent or his designee. The Association will be notified in writing of any exceptions granted in this section.
- **Section 4.** The employees designated to receive differential compensation will be appointed by the building principal upon approval by the Superintendent or his designee. Prior to appointing teachers for differential pay positions contained in Appendix D, the principal will publicize within the school the positions he deems necessary to be filled and solicit volunteers for such positions.
- **Section 5.** All appointments of additional duties to teachers for which a supplement to the regular salary is paid will not exceed one year.
- **Section 6.** The principal, with the approval of the Superintendent or his designee, retains the right to change any differential pay position assignment when in the principal's judgment the teacher is not performing the duties in a satisfactory manner.
- **Section 7.** An outline of the duties to be performed to earn a supplement listed in Appendix D will be in writing and approved by the principal. The written outline of duties will be signed by the teacher and principal, and approved by the Superintendent or his designee. One (1) copy will remain with the principal and one (1) will be filed with the Superintendent or his designee prior to the beginning of the program for which a supplement is to be paid. A copy will also be given to the teacher and to the Association upon request.

- **Section 8.** To ensure that the intent of contractual provisions is upheld, procedures used in fulfilling requirements needed to obtain full or partial payment for differential pay will be included with and/or attached to job descriptions for such positions.
- **Section 9.** No employee may receive pay for more than three (3) supplements for duties performed. Any exception to this provision must be approved by the Superintendent or his designee.
- **Section 10.** Payment of supplements for services rendered over the entire contractual period will be paid commencing with the performance of responsibilities and will be prorated over the entire contractual period.
- **Section 11.** Payment of supplements for services rendered over a period of time less than the entire contractual period of time will be paid in one (1) payment after service has been rendered. Payment will be made in a separate check at the conclusion of the activity. In all cases the supplement will be paid no later than fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of the normal season and the performance of responsibilities as defined by the appropriate job description.
- **Section 12.** Head football coaches will be paid eighty-five percent (85%) of the supplement at the end of the regular season. The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the supplement will be paid at the end of the spring season.
- **Section 13.** The athletic/intramural directorship will normally be a non-coaching position with total emphasis directed toward the promotion of the total athletic/intramural program. An Athletic Director/Intramural Director may be allowed to coach and to receive supplements but such action will require the express approval of the Superintendent or designee.
- **Section 14. Athletic Fines** In the event a fine is imposed by the Florida High School Athletic Association, as the result of a coach's action or inaction, it will be the responsibility of the coach to reimburse the school the amount of said fine.

ARTICLE XVII

TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS IN FORCE AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Authority. The Superintendent will have the authority to transfer teachers within the system according to the language as found in Section 2 when the interests of the educational program and the operation and efficiency of the school system require such action. The District School Board will act on recommendations of the District School Superintendent regarding transfer of any employee.

Section 2. Transfers.

A. Voluntary Transfers.

Consideration will be given to teachers on the basis of certification, qualifications, performance evaluation and ability to meet the program needs of the school. Length of service to the school district, while not the controlling factor, will be considered.

B. Involuntary Transfers.

A teacher may be transferred from one (1) school to another within the District. The Superintendent will consider, among other things, the suitability of the teacher's qualifications, and performance evaluation as they relate to the needs of the position to be filled, and will give special consideration to the teacher's personal preferences, place of residence, and other relevant factors.

Section 3. Vacancies.

- A. When a vacancy occurs in the bargaining unit, said vacancy will be advertised with the necessary requirements and qualifications on the School District's official website and applicant tracking system.
- B. Advertising of vacant positions will be as follows:
 - 1. Weekly for a minimum of five (5) days prior to being filled except in an emergency.
 - 2. Beginning at the end of the post planning period and continuing until the last week of the first month of school, positions may be advertised a minimum of three (3) days and hiring may occur during the advertisement period.
 - 2. Advertisements will include qualifications, salary, and any special job requirements.

- C. The District School Board declares its support of a philosophy of attempting to fill vacancies from within school system personnel based on certification, qualification and performance evaluation. The District Board retains the sole right to determine whether or not an applicant is qualified.
- D. All applicants will be given due consideration. If requested, unsuccessful applicants will be given reasons for not attaining that position.

Section 4. Reduction in Force. If workforce reduction is needed, the District School Board must retain employees at a school or in the school district based upon educational program needs and the performance evaluations of employees within the affected program areas. Within the program areas requiring reduction, the employees with the lowest performance evaluations must be the first to be released; the employees with the next lowest performance evaluations must be the second to be released; and reductions will continue in this manner until the needed number of reductions has occurred. The District School board may not prioritize retention of employees based upon seniority, according to F.S. 1012.33(5).

Section 5. Reassignments. The Superintendent will have authority to reassign teachers including reassignment of duties and responsibilities within a school when the interest of the educational program and the operation and efficiency of the school system require such action.

Section 6. Redistribution of Teachers Due to the Opening, Closing and/or Redistricting of Schools.

For the purpose of this section, the term "affected school(s)" refers to a school that is sending and/or receiving students from or to another school or schools.

- A. Due to the closing, opening or redistricting of schools, students are reassigned and the projected FTE is adjusted at the affected school(s). Instructional allocations are determined or adjusted as necessary.
- B. A special posting of the vacancies created by the reassignment of students will be posted at the affected school(s). Instructional personnel at affected school(s) are eligible to apply for posted vacancies. Principals are not obligated to interview all who apply.
- C. Principals may only hire instructional personnel from each of the affected school(s) in a number that corresponds directly to the number of students received from that school.

D. At a designated time set by Human Resources, instructional personnel interviewed from affected schools(s) will be notified of their reassignment status by the appropriate principal. If sufficient vacancies exist, qualified teachers from affected school(s) who have not been reassigned will be placed at the receiving school(s). All remaining qualified teachers will be placed district-wide. After all remaining qualified teachers from affected schools have been placed; the district reappointment schedule will resume.

ARTICLE XVIII

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Definition. A leave of absence is permission granted by the Board according to its adopted policies and the terms of this Agreement for an employee to be absent from duty for a specified period of time with the right to return to employment on the expiration of leave.

Section 2. **Regular Sick Leave**. Any member of the instructional staff employed on a full-time basis in the public schools of Lake County who is unable to perform his duties in the school because of illness or death of father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, other close relative, or member of his own household and consequently has to be absent from his work, will be granted leave of absence for sickness by the Superintendent or by someone designated by him to do so. Each member of the instructional staff employed on a full-time basis will be entitled to four (4) days of sick leave as of the first (1st) day of employment of each contract year, and will thereafter earn one (1) day of sick leave for each month of employment, which will be credited to the member at the end of that month and which will not be used prior to the time it is earned and credited to the member. The member will be entitled to earn no more than one (1) day of sick leave times the number of months of employment during the year of employment. Teachers working beyond 196 days will earn one (1) day sick leave for each twenty (20) day period. Those working less than a twenty (20) day period will earn one (1) day sick leave if employed for a minimum of thirteen (13) days. Such sick leave will be cumulative from year to year. There will be no limit in the number of days of sick leave that may accrue, except that at least one-half (1/2) of this cumulative leave must be established within the district granting such leave.

Instructional personnel will be entitled to transfer sick leave credit from other Florida school districts or a state educational agency to the Lake County School District. Transferred sick leave will be in addition to sick leave earned in this District. The transferred leave which is credited to an employee's account will not exceed the amount or rate earned during employment in the District. It is the employee's responsibility to contact the other school district(s) or agency(ies) to request a transfer of sick leave.

If an instructional staff member employed in the District interrupts professional service and subsequently returns to professional duty in the District without having transferred and used his accrued sick leave credit in another Florida school district, previous accrued sick leave will become valid on the first day of contractual service.

Section 3. Sick Leave Bank. Teacher of Lake County may participate on a voluntary basis in any sick leave bank which is established by the Board. The LCEA will be represented on the prior study committee and on the Bank Administrative Committee when established. The Superintendent, with LCEA input, is responsible for the appointment of committee members.

Section 4. Maternity/Parental Leave.

- A. Teachers requesting leave of absence for the purpose of childbearing may use their accumulated sick leave during the period when they are no longer able to work through the time the doctor certifies them physically able to return to duty. Any teacher wishing to remain on leave beyond the time when accumulated sick leave is exhausted, may apply for leave of absence without pay not to exceed a period of one (1) year. Teachers will be allowed to remain on the job until they are unable to perform their assigned duties.
- B. When a teacher notifies the Superintendent that the doctor has certified her physically capable to return to active employment after a leave granted for childbearing, said teacher will be assigned to the same position or to a substantially equivalent position if such positions are available.
 - 1. A full-time member of the instructional staff who is an expectant mother at the beginning of the school term or who becomes pregnant during the school term will upon request be granted maternity leave without pay as provided herein. When the employee determines that she is pregnant and wishes to take maternity leave, she may file with the superintendent a written application for leave with an attached statement from the attending physician stating the expected date of birth of the child. If possible, the effective date for the suspension of services will be mutually agreed to by the teacher and her immediate administrative superior. Such decision will be based on, but not limited to, physical condition, effectiveness in carrying out her assigned duties, availability of a satisfactory replacement, term of service required for credit for a year of service for contract and salary purposes during that school year. When a mutually acceptable date for the initiation and termination of leave cannot be achieved the dates will be fixed as follows: the leave will commence on a date determined by the employee in consultation with her doctor and will terminate upon certification of the doctor that she is physically capable of performing the duties of teaching.
 - 2. Maternity/Parental Leave may be given for the portion of the year in which the baby is born or adopted and for one succeeding year subject to reapplication of leave in accordance with School Board policies. A teacher on Maternity/Parental Leave may substitute teach during such leave.
 - 3. Any member of the instructional staff who is on maternity leave for the remainder of a school year or for the entire school year who, on the expiration of leave, wishes to return to duty at the beginning of the next

school year will notify the superintendent in writing of such desire not later than April 1.

Section 5. Leave for Personal Reasons Charged to Sick Leave. Instructional personnel will be granted six (6) days of personal leave with pay per school year with no more than five (5) days used consecutively for the purpose of conducting personal business in accordance with the following conditions. Such leave will be chargeable to sick leave and will not be cumulative from year to year. Except for emergency or unforeseen situations, personal leave requests must be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the date that the employee desires to be absent from his duties. Requests submitted after the notice period may be denied if adequate arrangement for coverage of the teacher's responsibilities cannot be accomplished. A principal may not approve personal leave for more than ten percent (10%) of the instructional staff at a school on a given day without prior approval of the County Office.

Personal leave may not be granted: to extend vacation time or recess periods; on the days before or after school holidays; or during pre- or post-planning except in unusual circumstances and not unless approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The Superintendent will consider the Principal recommendation and whether or not there is a satisfactory explanation for the request.

Illness In-Line-Of-Duty Leave. Any full-time employee of the Section 6. instructional staff will be entitled to illness in-line-of-duty leave when he needs to be absent from his duties because of a personal injury received in the discharge of duty or because of illness from any contagious or infectious disease contracted in school work, excluding common colds, flu, and other sickness of this nature. A physician's statement verifying the nature of the injury or illness must be provided by the employee before illness in-line-of-duty leave pay is granted. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon the employee to provide reasonable evidence that such illness was contracted or such injury was incurred during his line of duty. Such leave may be authorized for a total not to exceed ten (10) duty days during any school year for illness contracted or injury incurred from such causes as prescribed above. Such leave will not be deducted from the employee's sick leave. In the case of sickness or injury occurring under such circumstances, additional sick leave may be granted for such term and under such conditions as the Board will deem proper.

Section 7. Jury Duty/Subpoenaed Witness Leave. An employee who is called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a witness to a proceeding in which he is not a party on a regularly scheduled working day or days will be paid his normal earnings for time lost by reason of such service.

Section 8. Temporary Duty/In-Line-Of-Duty Leave. A teacher may be assigned temporarily or may request assignment temporarily to duties other than his regular duties and place of employment for the purpose of performing educational services including participation in school surveys, professional meetings, study courses, workshops, and

similar assignments of public service. All requests for assignment to temporary duty, except as provided below, will be submitted to the Superintendent at least ten (10) days in advance. The Superintendent may waive the requirement of ten (10) days advance notice. An employee will receive his regular pay and may be allowed expenses as provided by law and regulations of the School Board. Such temporary duty will be considered equal to the regular duties of the individual, and an employee performing such assigned temporary duty will not be considered to be on leave. An employee will not be assigned to temporary duty for the purpose of earning college credits, improving rank, or renewing his certificate, except when participating in a staff development program approved by the School Board. Temporary duty within the district may be approved by the principal or department head when no substitute service or additional cost to the Board is involved. The principal or department head authorizing such temporary duty will be responsible for determining that the temporary duty has been performed by the instructional employee. No temporary duty forms need to be submitted for this type of temporary duty assignment.

Section 9. **Military Leave.** Military leave will be granted to an employee who is required to serve in the armed forces of the United States or the militia of the State of Florida in fulfillment of obligations incurred under the selective service laws or because of membership in the reserves of the armed forces or the National Guard. For Reserve or Guard Training, compensation allowed during military leave will not exceed 240 hours in any one (1) annual period as provided in Section 115.07, Florida Statutes. recommendation of the Superintendent, leaves of absence for additional or longer periods of time for assignment to duty functions of a military character will be without pay and may be granted by the Board and when so granted will be without loss of time or efficiency rating. For Active Military Service, compensation during military leave will be granted for the first thirty (30) days with full pay. Leave of absence for additional or longer periods of time will be without pay. Accrued time off may be substituted for unpaid leave. Military leave will not be counted in determining a year of service for professional service contract purposes. When an employee enters voluntarily into any branch of the armed services for temporary or extended periods of service, military leave may be granted at the discretion of the Board and except in unusual cases will be denied to a member of the instructional staff when he is expected to be engaged in the work of the profession. An employee granted military leave for extended duty will, upon completion of the tour of duty, be returned to duty without prejudice, provided an application for re-employment is filed within six (6) months following date of discharge from active military duty. Following receipt of the application for reemployment, the School Board will have a reasonable time, not to exceed six (6) months, to reassign the employee to duty in the school system.

Section 10. Vacation Leave.

- A. Teachers who are employed for the same number of days required of twelve (12) month managerial personnel will accrue vacation leave, exclusive of holidays, with compensation as follows:
 - 1. A teacher with less than five (5) years of continuous service at the rate of one (1) day per month cumulative to twelve (12) workdays per year.
 - 2. A teacher with five (5) years or more of continuous service at the rate of one and one-fourth (1-1/4) days per month cumulative to fifteen (15) workdays per year.
 - 3. A teacher with ten (10) years or more of continuous service at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) days per month cumulative to eighteen (18) workdays per year.
 - 4. Vacation leave credit may be accrued from year to year, not to exceed thirty (30) days, at the beginning of any fiscal year.
 - 5. Vacation leave may not be taken nor otherwise compensated for until the employee has completed twelve (12) months of employment with the Board.
- B. Vacation leave may be approved by the Superintendent upon the written request of the employee and with prior approval of the employee's administrative superior. Vacation leave will be so scheduled as to cause a minimum disruption of the school program.
- C. Any member of the instructional staff employed on a part-time basis who works in excess of one-half (1/2) the hours or days required for a full-time position but less than the total hours or days required for a full-time employee will not be entitled to vacation leave.
- D. In addition to the above provisions, the following conditions will apply to the accrual of vacation leave:
 - 1. Employment prior to the sixteenth (16th) of any month will permit the month to be counted as a month of employment.
 - 2. Termination of employment after the fifteenth (15th) of any month will permit the month to be counted as a month of employment.
 - 3. Leave without pay in excess of eleven (11) workdays in any month makes a teacher ineligible for vacation accrual for that month except a teacher on leave from injury-in-line-of-duty.

4. Any twelve (12) month teacher who resigns prior to the completion of a full month of employment will not be granted any vacation leave credit.

Section 11. Leave of Absence for Personal Reasons. An employee desiring personal leave for any other reason will file a written application setting forth the reasons for and the purpose of the requested leave. The Board will consider such application on its own merits and in arriving at a decision will consider the best interests of the employee and the general welfare of the school system. Such leave will be without compensation. Any leave of absence for personal reasons will not exceed one (1) contract year. Requested leave of absence for more than one (1) contract year will have Board approval based on the merits and unique need of the request. The decision of the Board will be final.

Section 12. Leave of Absence for Extended Professional Leave. Professional leave without pay will be granted to a teacher who wishes to continue his education. Such leave may not be taken during the school term. Application will be made by a letter of explanation relative to the purpose of the leave. Following the termination of the leave, the teacher will present evidence of having earned at least nine (9) semester hours of credit each semester or the equivalent, or evidence of satisfactory progress in graduate school.

Section 13. Pre-Planning and Post-Planning Professional Leave.

- A. Leave during pre-planning and post-planning conference periods:
 - 1. A request for professional leave during a pre-planning or post-planning conference period will have the recommendation of the principal in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (a) The teacher must carry a minimum of six (6) semester hours or an acceptable load in graduate school in the educational institution or in an institute.
 - (b) The graduate program will be at an accredited and approved institution.
 - (a) The teacher must be adding additional subject areas to his certificate for reassignment or must be attending school in order to improve the instructional program of the school.
 - 2. Professional leave with pay during the pre- and post-planning conference period will be applied for on the proper form. If the application is not in the Superintendent's office thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the leave requested, the leave may be denied. The application will include

evidence provided by the teacher supporting the reason for the absence. A member of the instructional staff who is not returning to the Lake County School System for the next school year may not be granted professional leave during the pre- or post-planning conference period.

Professional leave with pay may be granted during the pre-planning and post-planning conference periods not to exceed five (5) days during any contract year. Such leave may be granted three (3) times during a period of five (5) successive years. Such leave when granted will be with pay and will not exceed five (5) days during any contract year.

Section 14. Professional Leave to Attend Summer School. At the completion of three (3) consecutive years of service on a twelve month contract, an instructional employee may be granted thirty (30) days of professional leave. Such accrued leave may be combined with vacation leave for the purpose of attending summer school. Such leave will be with compensation.

Section 15. Sabbatical Leave. A maximum of ten (10) teachers annually who have been selected for sabbatical leave under the provisions of this Article may elect to work for eighty percent (80%) of their regularly contracted salary for a four-year period while having the remaining twenty percent (20%) of their salary withheld in order to take leave with full pay the fifth (5th) year for professional or personal growth at the salary they would have received if not on leave. The school district will continue to pay the health and life insurance negotiated premium for the year of sabbatical leave. It will be understood that a teacher granted sabbatical leave will return as a teacher in the Lake County School System for at least one (1) year of effective teaching service in the same or a similar level position held before leave commenced. The Board will have the right to select and approve teachers for sabbatical leave according to guidelines developed by representatives of the Board and the LCEA and approved in a memo of understanding signed by the parties.

Teachers selected by the Board for sabbatical leave will be expected to demonstrate continuing commitment to the six-year program. In the event a selected teacher is required to withdraw due to personal or other acceptable reasons, all salary withheld will be paid to the teacher, or to the teacher's designated beneficiary or estate if no beneficiary has been designated.

Teachers interested in applying for sabbatical leave under the provisions of this Article will do so no later than three (3) months prior to the end of the contract period in which application is made.

Section 16. Family and Medical Leave Act. The parties agree to comply with the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act.

ARTICLE XIX

TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1. Authorized travel for employees of the Board will be reimbursed as follows:

- A. In-district travel which has been expressly authorized by the district office will be reimbursed at the rate established by School Board Policy 7.52, up to a maximum of 1000 miles per month. If travel in excess of 1000 miles per month is anticipated by the employee, the employee must obtain approval in advance of the travel in order to be reimbursed.
- B. Out-of-district travel which has been expressly authorized by the district office will be reimbursed as follows:
 - 1. One day trips: Expenses by authorized employees on school business which requires only one (1) day of absence will be reimbursed for travel at the rate established by School Board Policy 7.52.
 - 2. Overnight trips: Expenses by authorized employees on school business requiring absence in excess of one (1) day will be reimbursed for travel and per diem at the rate established by School Board Policy 7.52. Travel will be reimbursed at air travel tourist rates when this is more economical than mileage and per diem by car.
- C. Teachers who drive their own vehicles to required meetings at sites other than their normal worksites, or who are assigned to more than one (1) worksite, will be reimbursed at the maximum mileage rate as established by School Board Policy 7.52, according to the following conditions:
 - 1. Travel from the normal worksite to the required meeting and from the required meeting to the normal worksite will be reimbursed.
 - 2. Travel from the teacher's home to the required meeting and from the required meeting to the teacher's home will be reimbursed only for those miles of driving distance which exceed the driving distance between the teacher's home and normal worksite.
 - 3. Travel from one (1) assigned worksite to another assigned worksite will be reimbursed.

D. A teacher will not be required to transport students in his own automobile for school related activities except those teachers having to transport students based on job expectations. A teacher transporting students with his automobile for school related activities will be approved by the Office of Risk Management.

Teachers who are required to transport students will be reimbursed for approved trips at the rate approved by the Board. Teachers requesting mileage reimbursement will have the responsibility to complete the necessary forms and submit them to the building manager.

- **Section 2.** Mileage within the district will be computed and paid according to the district mileage schedule.
- **Section 3.** When more than one (1) employee is going to the same destination, travel will be pooled or a bus will be provided where such is possible. Teachers who choose not to participate in available car pools and/or buses provided will not be entitled to reimbursement.
- **Section 4.** Where a common carrier is used, reimbursement will be made only for the most economical class. The expense of common carrier travel may be processed through the district office on a purchase order or by copies of paid bill(s) attached to the employee's travel voucher.
- **Section 5.** Reimbursement may be requested for tolls, taxis, and registration fees, and limousine service when properly documented. No reimbursement may be authorized for gratuities.
- **Section 6.** In all cases, documentation acceptable to the Board will be required for reimbursement.

ARTICLE XX

SUMMER SCHOOL

Section 1. Summer Voluntary Pre-K Program

- A. The provisions of this article are in place to continue the state-mandated Voluntary Pre-K program. The Board and LCEA concur that the program requires flexibility in order to be successful.
- B. Eligible instructional personnel as defined by the collective bargaining agreement may apply to the program for consideration of employment using forms prescribed by the district and will be considered for selection using guidelines similar to those used for summer reading camps. Administrators for the designated centers will be responsible for hiring their instructional staff from qualified applicants.
- C. Candidates will be required to meet Level 2 screening requirements consistent with state VPK legislation. Applicants should understand that some children enrolling for this program may not be fully toilet trained and the program will require instructional staff members to accommodate these students' needs without additional staff support.
- D. The dates of employment for employees selected to work during the Summer Pre-K program will be established in the spring of the preceding school year based upon the parameters of the preceding and succeeding board approved student calendars. The program will consist of 2 sessions. Teachers may choose to work one or both sessions.
- E. The beginning and ending times, and length of the student day and teacher day will be established annually based on the needs of the program. The total hours for the teacher day will include planning and a break.
- F. Each VPK teacher will be supplemented 2 hours per day with a Resource Teacher that will allow the VPK teacher planning, break, lunch and necessary time for VPK responsibilities. The Resource teacher day will be employed hourly with a minimum of 4 hours per day. The length of the day will be determined by the need required for the number of students enrolled.
- G. Teachers will be salaried employees and paid at their regular hourly rate for hours worked in the program. It is expressly understood that the unique funding process for the Voluntary Pre-K program is regulated by the State of Florida and is payable based on actual daily student attendance. This process may require the reduction of teacher units if enrollment falls below the prescribed staffing model limits in a given center. Therefore, teachers will be employed on an hourly basis, as needed to accommodate student enrollment.

Section 2. Exceptional Child Summer School

Depending upon funding, exceptional child summer school program starting and ending dates will be determined by the Superintendent. A Memo of Understanding between the Board and the LCEA will clarify teacher hours, wages, and working conditions.

All members of the bargaining unit will be eligible to apply for advertised summer school positions. Consideration will be given to applicants on the basis of certification, qualifications, and ability to meet the program needs of the school. Length of service to the school district, while not the controlling factor, may be considered.

Section 3. Summer School Program

- A. All teachers will be eligible to submit applications to teach in the summer school program. Teachers will apply directly to the school administrator who will supervise summer school at the designated location(s). The date for submission of applications will be determined by the District Office and will be clearly stated in the guidelines when they are distributed for posting. Applications may be submitted only during the submission time indicated. Teachers will be notified of the disposition of their applications as soon as possible.
- B. A teacher will be employed in the summer school program on a day-to-day basis depending upon the enrollment of students as determined by the Board, and teachers may be laid off at any time when enrollment requires such action.
- C. A teacher who is employed in the summer school program will be compensated on the basis of a daily rate which will be computed on the hourly rate of the teacher's salary for the preceding school year. A teacher will not be compensated for days on which the teacher is absent from work, and a teacher must work a minimum of half or more of a day in order to receive pay for that day.
- D. A teacher who works a minimum of twenty (20) days during the summer school program will accrue one (1) day of sick leave. A teacher who works in the summer school program for the sixweek term will be allowed one (1) day of sick leave with pay if needed.
- E. The teacher workday for the summer school program will be determined through a Memo of Understanding. A minimum of thirty (30) minutes for a workday of not more than five (5) hours or forty (40) minutes for up to one and one-fourth (1 1/4) hours thereafter will be included for planning purposes and necessary supervisory duties such as bus duty and "break" supervision.
- F. The Superintendent will determine starting and ending dates for the summer school program.
- G. Teachers employed in the summer school program will be paid according to the District's payroll schedule.

H. All members of the bargaining unit will be eligible to apply for advertised summer school positions. Consideration will be given to applicants on the basis of certification, qualifications, and ability to meet the program needs of the school. Length of service to the school district, while not the controlling factor, may be considered.

ARTICLE XXI

SCHOOL PLUS

- **Section 1.** All certificated personnel at the designated School Plus site will be entitled to apply annually for School Plus teaching and supervision. No teacher at the designated school site will be required to teach and supervise School Plus. Nothing in this language will preclude deans and/or assistant principals from applying and/or being accepted for the School Plus position. Designated school sites will be determined by the principals. In cases where one site serves more than one (1) school, each faculty will have the opportunity to apply for the School Plus position(s).
- **Section 2.** The principal will advertise the School Plus positions to the school faculty for a period of one (1) week.
- **Section 3.** Selection for the School Plus position will be determined by the principal based on qualifications and suitability.
- **Section 4.** The principal, with the approval of the Superintendent, retains the right to change the School Plus teacher when in the principal's judgment the teacher is not performing the duties in a satisfactory manner.
- **Section 5.** The principal may appoint more than one (1) teacher to the School Plus position should he/she decide that it is in the best interest of the school site to rotate the School Plus position among staff members.
- **Section 6.** An outline of the duties to be performed to earn compensation for the School Plus position will be in writing and approved by the principal and the Superintendent. One (1) copy will remain with the principal and one (1) copy will be filed with the Superintendent prior to the beginning of the program.
- **Section 7.** The staff member in charge of School Plus will be provided with procedures to use in case of an emergency.
- **Section 8.** The School Plus workday will be three (3) hours and forty-five (45) minutes in length unless otherwise determined.
- **Section 9.** A staff member who is employed for the School Plus program will be compensated on the basis of a daily rate which will be computed on the hourly rate of the staff member's salary for the current school year.
- **Section 10.** A staff member who has been appointed to the School Plus position and is absent from work will not be compensated for the day(s) the staff member is absent from work. The staff member will notify the school principal on the day preceding the designated School Plus day the employee anticipated being absent.

Section 11. The Board reserves the right to cancel the School Plus Program at any time. (Compensation will be calculated based on the employee's daily rate which will be computed on the staff member's hourly rate for the current school year.)

ARTICLE XXII

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Section 1. As part of the 2009 legislative session, the Florida Legislature amended Florida Statute 1002.45 to require all Florida school districts to offer full-time and part-time virtual instruction programs for students enrolled in kindergarten (K) through grade twelve (12).

To comply with the virtual instruction program requirements, the District has contracted with a Florida approved Virtual Instruction Program provider(s) to provide full-time virtual instruction for kindergarten (K) through grade twelve (12). In addition, the District has developed virtual school opportunities through the Lake County Virtual Franchise in order to provide virtual instruction for students in grades six (6) through twelve (12). As part of these virtual school opportunities the District will hire its own teachers to monitor, evaluate, and support student progress in those virtual instruction courses. Positions will be offered, as needed, on an Adjunct basis. Teachers, who participate as adjuncts, do so outside of the regular school day and must be certified to teach for Lake County Schools.

Section 2. Part-Time Adjunct Positions are for eighteen (18) week courses, modules for grades six (6) through twelve (12) or summer credit recovery.

- A. Teachers will be paid \$130 for each student who successfully completes one segment (1/2 credit) of a virtual course with a grade of "A", "B", "C" or "D" or if the student completes the segment with an "F".
- B. Teachers will be paid \$50 for each student who successfully completes at least 50% of a course segment but who withdrew prior to completion. After reviewing all course content, 50% of course completion will be determined by the franchise manager. Any appeal, if needed, can be made to the Regional Executive Director overseeing Lake County Virtual School, whose decision will be final.
- C. Teachers will be paid \$75 for each student who successfully completes one segment (1/2 credit) for credit recovery purposes during the summer months.

After being selected as a virtual teacher, but prior to being assigned his/her virtual instruction course, each teacher must complete an online training program.

- School facilities and equipment may be utilized provided it is outside of the teacher's normal workday.
- Teachers will be expected to establish weekly "office hours" per Lake County Virtual School Agreement.
- Teachers will be expected to return student and parent communication within 24 hours and grade student work within forty-eight (48) hours of when the work was submitted. This excludes weekends.
- Teachers will be expected to maintain an Announcement Page.
- Teachers will comply with the rules and procedures established in Lake County School Board policies, contracted online virtual provider and the Lake County Virtual School (LCVS) Adjunct Instructor Agreement.

Representatives of The Board and LCEA may meet, as needed, to discuss any concerns which may arise with the implementation of any District Virtual Program.

ARTICLE XXIII

COPIES OF AGREEMENT

Copies of this Agreement entitled "Agreement between the School Board of Lake County, Florida, and the Lake County Education Association, Inc.", will be available as follows:

- 1. The Association will be responsible for creating and distributing an electronic copy, for each Building Representative.
- 2. Members of the bargaining unit and all other interested parties may also access this Agreement online via the Lake County Schools website (lake.k12.fl.us).
- 3. The Board is responsible for updating copies on the District website.
- 4. The Board will be responsible for printing the number of copies that it deems necessary.

The text of all copies of the actual Agreement will be identical in content and format.

ARTICLE XXIV

SEPARABILITY

Should any article, section, or clause of this Agreement be declared illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, said article, section, or clause, as the case may be, will be automatically deleted from this Agreement to the extent that it violated the law. The remaining articles, sections, and clauses will remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement if not affected by the deleted article, section, or clause.

ARTICLE XXV

WAIVER

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as required by law, each party voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to or covered by this Agreement and with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge and contemplation of either or both of the parties at the same time they negotiated or signed this agreement.

ARTICLE XXVI DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- Section 1. This agreement represents the entire contract between the Board and the Union and will become full force and effect from July 1, 2018 and will continue in full force and effect until midnight June 30, 2019 and will continue in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party hereto will give the other at least ninety (90) days written notice by registered mail, before the before the end of the term of this Agreement, of its desire to terminate the Agreement.
- Section 2. The parties agree to reopen negotiations on or before July 1, 2019 on (a) compensation, (b) fringe benefits, (c) legislative changes, (d) sunset sections of the contract, and (e) two-reopeners.
- **Section 3.** When either party has indicated in writing a desire to open negotiations for another agreement as provided for above, all provisions of the existing agreement will remain in effect until such new agreement has be reached or until resolution of any impasse in accordance with law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE CAUSED THE Agreement to be executed by their duty authorized representative on this 10 day of 2018.

SCHOOL BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY

LAKE COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY Chairman

BY Authority

Board Member

BY Board Member

APPENDIX A

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS 2018-2019 196-DAY CALENDAR

| MONTH | Worked | | 100 2711 071 <u></u> 1127111 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| JULY | | July 30-31 | New Teacher Orientation, if budgeted and Board approved |
| AUGUST | 21 | August 1-2 August 3 | New Teacher Orientation, if budgeted and Board approved Pre-Planning (Friday) |
| | | August 6-7 | Pre-Planning (Monday - Tuesday) |
| | | August 8 | District Teacher Professional Development Day (Wednesday) |
| | | August 9-10 | Pre-Planning (Thursday-Friday) |
| | | | School Based Professional Development to be determined by school during Pre-Planning days |
| | | August 13 | First Day of Classes/First Grading Period Begins (Monday) |
| SEPTEMBER | 19 | September 3 | Labor Day - Paid Holiday (Monday) |
| OCTOBER | 23 | October 12 | End of First Grading Period (Friday) |
| | | October 15 | Teacher Work Day / Non-Student Day (Monday) |
| | | October 16 | Classes Resume (Tuesday) |
| | | | Second Grading Period Begins (Tuesday) |
| NOVEMBER | 17 | November 19-21 | Non-Work Days (Monday-Wednesday) |
| | | November 22 | Thanksgiving Day - Paid Holiday (Thursday) |
| | | November 23 | Non-Work Day (Friday) |
| DECEMBER | 15 | December 20 | End of Second Grading Period (Thursday) |
| | | December 21 | Teacher Work Day / Non-Student Day (Friday) |
| | | December 22-31 | Winter Break |
| JANUARY | 20 | January 1 - 2 | Winter Break |
| | | January 3 | Classes Resume (Thursday) |
| | | | Third Grading Period Begins (Thursday) |
| | | January 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Paid Holiday (Monday) |
| FEBRUARY | 19 | February 18 | Presidents' Day - Paid Holiday (Monday) |
| MARCH | 16 | March 14 | End of Third Grading Period (Thursday) |
| | | March 15 | Teacher Work Day / Non-Student Day (Friday) |
| | | March 18-22 | Spring Break (Monday-Friday) |
| | | March 25 | Classes Resume (Monday) Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday) |
| | | | |
| APRIL | 21 | April 19 | Non-Work Day / Non-Student Day (Friday) |
| MAY | 20 | May 24 | Last Day of Classes (Friday) |
| | | 07 | End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday) |
| | | May 27 | Memorial Day - Paid Holiday (Monday) |
| | | May 28-29 | Post-Planning (Tuesday-Wednesday) |
| | 191 | | |
| Paid Holidays | | | Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed. |
| September 3 | Labor Day | | |
| November 22 | Thanksgivin | • • | |
| January 21 | | er King, Jr. Day | |
| February 18 May 27 | Presidents' Memorial Da | - | |
| | Momona Di | ∽ <i>,</i> | |
| | | | |

APPENDIX B

Compensation: (Based on redistribution of LIFT funding) - Effective date of July 1, 2018

- Teachers on the Performance Pay Plan will receive a salary increase based upon the highest final evaluation rating they
 received while working in Lake County Schools from either the 2016-17 or 2017-18 year.
- All teachers will receive a (COLA) Cost of living adjustment of \$400.00 per statutory guidelines. (F.S. 1012.22(1)(c)1)
- Teachers on the Grandfather Formula (GF) with an effective or highly effective final evaluation rating for 2017-18 will receive a salary increase of \$800.00. The total increase with performance pay adjustment and COLA = \$1200.00
- Teachers on the Performance Pay Plan with an effective rating (PE) will receive a salary increase of \$808.00. The total increase with performance pay adjustment and COLA = \$1208.00
- Teachers on the Performance Pay Plan with a rating of highly effective (PHE) will receive a salary increase of \$1078.00. The total increase with performance pay adjustment and COLA = \$1478.00
- Teachers with a final evaluation rating of needs improvement or unsatisfactory are not eligible for a salary increase other than (COLA).

| | Factor | # | Raise | Total Salary |
|--|--------|------|----------------|--------------|
| GF (Grandfather) | 1.0000 | 1083 | 800.00 | 866,400.00 |
| PE (Performance Effective) PHE (Performance Highly | 1.0107 | 854 | 808.00 | 690,032.00 |
| Effective) | 1.3483 | 699 | 1,080.00 | 754,920.00 |
| Other (NI/U) | 0.0000 | 11 | . - | - |
| | | 2647 | | 2,311,352.00 |

| | Grandfather Salary Schedule | Performance Sa | alary Schedule | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| | PE | GF | PHE | Other | Total | |
| Total | # of Employees | # of Em | ployees | | | |
| Number | 854 | 1083 | 699 | 11 | 2,647.00 | |
| Factor | 1.0100 | 1.0000 | 1.3500 | 0.0000 | | |
| Number of X | 862.54 | 1083.00 | 943.65 | 0 | 2,889.19 | Χ |
| | | | Available Funds | | 2,693,187.35 | İ |
| Cost of Living A | djustment (COLA) Forecast | | Less Benefits (0.2 | 1652) | (381,835.35) | |
| Base Adjustme | nt (per F.S. 1012.22) | 400.00 | | | | |
| # of Employees (Total Bargaining Unit) | | 2,881.00 | 881.00 Available Salary Only | | 2,311,352.00 | |
| COLA Funds (in | cluding Benefits) | 1,342,776.48 | | | | |
| Total Funds (Pe | erformance Pay & COLA) | 4,035,963.83 | | | 800.00 = | = X |

INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY PLACEMENT SCHEDULE 2018- 2019

| EXPERIENCE LEVEL | SALARY | ADVANCED DE | GREE DIFFERENTIAL |
|------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | 40,400 | Master Degree | 2375 or |
| 1 | 40,650 | Specialist | 3325 or |
| 2 | 40,900 | Doctorate | 4325 |
| 3 | 41,200 | In accordance wit | h F.S. 1012.22(1) (C)3, |
| 4 | 41,500 | | ee must be held in area |
| 5 | 41,800 | of certification to | |
| 6 | 42,100 | of certification to | quamy. |
| 7 | 42,400 | | |
| 8 | 42,750 | *ADDITIONAL A | DVANCED DEGREE |
| 9 | 43,100 | SUPPLEMENT | |
| 10 | 43,500 | | |
| 11 | 43,900 | * An additional di | fferential applies to |
| 12 | 44,300 | those holding an a | dvanced degree in the |
| 13 | 44,800 | subject area of the | eir primary content |
| 14 | 45,300 | assignment as follo | ows: |
| 15 | 45,800 | | |
| 16 | 46,400 | Master Degree | 500 or |
| 17 | 47,000 | Specialist | 800 or |
| 18 | 47,700 | Doctorate | 1050 |
| 19 | 48,400 | | |
| 20 | 49,200 | | |
| 21 | 50,000 | | |
| 22 | 51,500 | | |
| 23 | 53,000 | | |
| 24 | 55,000 | | |
| 25 | 57,250 | | |
| 25+ | 59,800 | | |

PSYCHOLOGIST SALARY PLACEMENT SCHEDULE 2018-2019

| EXPERIENCE LEVEL | SALARY | ADVANCED [| DEGREE DIFFERENTIAL |
|------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 0 | 45,925 | Specialist | 3325 or |
| 1 | 46,525 | Doctorate | 4325 |
| 2 | 47,125 | | |
| 3 | 47,725 | | with F.S. 1012.22(1) (C)3, |
| 4 | 48,325 | | egree must be held in area |
| 5 | 48,925 | of certi | fication to qualify. |
| 6 | 49,525 | * ADDITIONA | L ADVANCED DEGREE |
| 7 | 50,125 | | JPPLEMENT |
| 8 | 50,725 | 50 | OFFICENIEN I |
| 9 | 51,425 | * An addition | nal differential applies to |
| 10 | 52,125 | | an advanced degree in the |
| 11 | 52,925 | _ | of their primary content |
| 12 | 53,725 | - | ment as follows: |
| 13 | 54,525 | 8 | |
| 14 | 55,325 | Specialist | 800 or |
| 15 | 56,125 | Doctorate | 1050 |
| 16 | 57,025 | | |
| 17 | 58,025 | | |
| 18 | 59,025 | | |
| 19 | 60,025 | | |
| 20 | 61,025 | | |
| 21 | 62,025 | | |
| 22 | 63,025 | | |
| 23 | 64,025 | | |
| 24 | 65,525 | | |
| 25 | 67,525 | | |
| 25+ | 68,936 | | |

APPENDIX C

ATHLETIC DIFFERENTIAL PAY SCHEDULE 2018-2019

| HIGH SCHOOL | 0-3 Years | 4-7 Years | 8+ Years |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Athletic Director Head (2 positions) or | 4667 | 4830 | 5000 |
| Athletic Director Head and | 5000 | 5250 | 5500 |
| Athletic Director Assistant | 3110 | 3220 | 3333 |
| Football Head Coach | 3632 | 3803 | 3965 |
| Football Assistant (Allocations per FSHAA | | | |
| Classification) | 2002 | 2076 | 2153 |
| Football JV Assistant | 1802 | 1876 | 1953 |
| Football JV Assistant | 1802 | 1876 | 1953 |
| Football JV Assistant | 1802 | 1876 | 1953 |
| Football Assistant (a) | 2002 | 2076 | 2153 |
| Volleyball – Head | 2147 | 2215 | 2286 |
| VB Coach Assistant | 1603 | 1659 | 1717 |
| Volleyball JV | 1103 | 1159 | 1217 |
| Basketball – Head | 3022 | 3193 | 3355 |
| Basketball Assistant | 2002 | 2076 | 2153 |
| Basketball JV | 1522 | 1607 | 1674 |
| Soccer – Head Coach | 2514 | 2600 | 2689 |
| Soccer- Assistant | 1859 | 1924 | 1991 |
| Soccer JV | 1559 | 1614 | 1670 |
| Softball – Head | 2514 | 2600 | 2689 |
| Softball Assistant | 2023 | 2094 | 2167 |
| Softball JV | 1526 | 1579 | 1634 |
| Baseball – Head | 2514 | 2600 | 2689 |
| Baseball Assistant | 2023 | 2094 | 2167 |
| Baseball JV | 1526 | 1579 | 1634 |
| Swimming – Head | 1873 | 1935 | 1999 |
| Swimming Assistant | 1078 | 1116 | 1155 |
| Swimming Head Combo | 2809 | 2902 | 2998 |
| Swimming Assistant Combo | 1617 | 1674 | 1732 |
| Lacrosse Head | 1339 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Lacrosse Assistant | 893 | 924 | 957 |
| Wrestling - Head | 1339 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Wrestling - Assistant | 893 | 924 | 957 |
| Track – Head | 2219 | 2293 | 2370 |
| Track Assistant | 1558 | 1613 | 1669 |
| Track Assistant (c) | 1479 | 1528 | 1580 |
| Cross Country Head or | 1347 | 1394 | 1443 |
| Cross Country Combo | 2020 | 2091 | 2164 |
| Golf | 1334 | 1381 | 1429 |
| Tennis or | 1420 | 1470 | 1521 |
| Tennis Combo | 2130 | 2205 | 2281 |
| Weight Lifting Head | 1339 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Weight Lifting Assistant (b) | 757 | 819 | 942 |
| Open Facilities Summer Program (d) | 1511 | 1644 | 1778 |
| Bowling Head (previously) or | 1339 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Bowling Combo | 2008 | 2079 | 2152 |
| Cheer football Head | 1858 | 1923 | 1990 |
| Cheer football JV | 1319 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Cheer basketball Head | 1858 | 1923 | 1990 |
| Cheer basketball JV | 1319 | 1386 | 1435 |
| Cheer Competition/Stunt | 850 | 876 | 903 |
| Checi Competition/stullt | 030 | 0/0 | 903 |

Athletic Duties and Qualifications - High School

The **Athletic Director** must be a certified, full-time instructional employee on the faculty of the school. This individual cannot hold any other paid differential athletic positions. S/he coordinates and oversees all areas of the athletic program in the high school, including conducting monthly coaching staff meetings, ensuring that staff adheres to and follows FHSAA policies and district guidelines, representing the school at related district level meetings, and acts as the athletic program's representative to the community for the purpose of soliciting funds and community support. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: coordinating and scheduling the use of athletic facilities in cooperation with the physical education department chair, working with the school bookkeeper regarding tickets and budgets, arranging for sport officials and event personnel, supervising and maintaining records of student eligibility, making team transportation arrangements, publicizing all athletic events, making provisions for security at home events, and other duties assigned by the principal.

The **Assistant Athletic Director** must be a certified, full-time teacher on the faculty of the school. Under the guidance of the Athletic Director, s/he coordinates and oversees areas of the athletic program in the school. The Assistant Athletic Director may coach any one sport during a season with permission of the school principal.

The Athletic Trainer must be a certified athletic trainer who holds active certification membership with the National Athletic Training Association. S/he must maintain instructor certification in CPR & First Aid. The Athletic Trainer is responsible for overseeing and coordination of the Sports Medicine Program of the school. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: teaching and maintaining coaching staff records for CPR & First Aid, care of athletes injured as a result of interscholastic training and competition, acting as a liaison between the physician and the athlete and by designing conditioning programs for injured athletes of all sports, administer to all athletes in the school, document and educate coaches, athletes and parents about the district concussion program, proper documentation of incidents resulting in injuries, advising coaches, athletes and parents as to when an athlete may participate in training or competition following an injury, assuring athletic trainer coverage at all school athletic contests, reviewing the physical examinations of all athletes when assisting the school Athletic Director with eligibility documentation and other duties as assigned. This individual cannot hold any other paid differential athletic positions.

The **Head Athletic Coach** is responsible for the daily and overall operation of his/her sport throughout its season. The **Head Athletic Coach** is accountable for all staff, participants, equipment, facilities and uniforms used in the sport. All Head Athletic Coaches are required to maintain current CPR and First Aid. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: following FHSAA policies and district guidelines, providing a schedule of activities to the Athletic Director, submitting an annual budget to the Athletic Director while mentoring, training, and caring of students under his or her charge, monitoring the academic progress of their students as well as other duties as assigned.

The **Assistant Athletic Coach** assists the Head Athletic Coach in the performance of all activities related to coaching. It is the responsibility of any LCS Athletic Coach to have current CPR and First Aid as well as follow FHSAA policies and district guidelines.

The Lay Athletic Coach assists the school by providing coaching services for a specific sport during the season designated by FHSAA starting and ending dates. The School Athletic Director and School Principal must agree to the assignment. The Lay Coach candidate must apply online through District Online Application System. All fingerprints, drug screening and certification must be complete and clear prior to a Lay Coach beginning coaching duties. It is the responsibility of any LCS Lay Athletic Coach to have current CPR and First Aid as well as follow FHSAA policies and district guidelines. The Lay Coach is compensated at zero years and cannot accumulate years of experience for compensation.

The **Volunteer Athletic Coach** assists the school by providing coaching services for a specific sport during the season designated by FHSAA starting and ending dates. This position is classified as a Level II Athletic Coach Volunteer with no monetary compensation. The school Athletic Director and school Principal must agree to the assignment. S/he must be fingerprinted; drug tested and have a State and Federal background check conducted and approved prior to being assigned Volunteer Athletic coaching duties. It is the responsibility of any LCS Volunteer Athletic Coach to have current CPR and First Aid as well as follow FHSAA policies and district guidelines.

A Classified Employee may assist the school by providing coaching services for a specific sport during the season designated by FHSAA starting and ending dates. A coaching position is considered a separate job from the regular duty day for a Classified Employee. The school Athletic Director and school Principal must agree to the assignment. It is the responsibility of any Classified Employee working as a school Athletic Coach to have current CPR and First Aid as well as follow FHSAA policies and district guidelines. The Classified Employee will be compensated for the coaching position at the end of the season when all the position's requirements have been met.

A Cheer Coach assists the school by providing coaching services for Sideline Cheer, Stunt Cheer and Competition Cheer during the seasons as designated by FHSAA starting and ending dates. The Cheer Coach is responsible for the daily and overall operation of his/her sport throughout its season(s). They are accountable for all staff, participants, equipment, facilities and uniforms used in the sport. All Cheer Coaches are required to have current CPR and First Aid and the AACCA Safety Certification. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: following FHSAA policies and district guidelines, providing a schedule of activities to the Athletic Director, submitting an annual budget to the Athletic Director while mentoring, training, and caring of students under his or her charge, monitoring the academic progress of their students as well as other duties as assigned.

Athletic Fines – In the event a fine is imposed by the Florida High School Athletic Association, as the result of a coach's action or inaction, it will be the responsibility of the coach to reimburse the school the amount of said fine. Funds may not be collected from athletes or parents to pay any fine(s) as the result of any coach's action or inaction. Until the school is reimbursed for any fine(s), the coach may not work/coach at any Lake County School.

- (a) A 7th Football Assistant Varsity can be utilized if the school is classified as 5A or higher per Florida High School Athletics Association classification rule. This position allotment may change based upon FHSAA reclassification of district schools.
- (b) One additional coach is allowed when there are 20 or more participants on the varsity weight lifting team when written documentation is filed with the Superintendent or his designee prior to the beginning of the program for which a supplement is to be paid.
- (c) One additional coach is allowed when there are 30 or more participants on the varsity track team when written documentation is filed with the Superintendent or his designee prior to the beginning of the program for which a supplement is to be paid.
- (d) Open Facilities Summer Program Schools may open their gymnasiums and other athletic facilities only to their students following FHSAA Bylaws for Open Facilities Summer Program. Open Facilities Summer Program begins after last day of school for teachers and ends two weeks prior to start of fall football practice. Written verification of hours worked must be submitted to HR prior to being paid for Open Facilities Summer Program. Request for pay must be submitted before July 31st of ending school year. In order to draw full supplement for Open Facilities Summer Program, the weight room must be open maximum number of days per classification.

If a high school team enters into the playoffs beyond the FHSAA District State Series Contest(s), the paid coaches of that team are compensated an additional amount of \$50.00 per contest. Written documentation must be filed with the Superintendent or his designee within the final 10 (ten) days for which a supplement is to be paid.

Based upon the needs of a high school and to offer a high school principal flexibility in meeting the needs of his or her students, a principal may choose one of the following two options for a current school year:

Option (1) two Head Athletic Directors who share equal responsibility to the athletic department for equal pay. There is no switching of personnel at the school as changes are not allowed during the current school year. Head Athletic Directors may not be supplemented as coaches.

Option (2) there is one (1) Head Athletic Director who has full responsibility for the athletic program. The Head Athletic Director may have one period of release time and may not be supplemented as a coach. There is one (1) Assistant Athletic Director who supports the duties of the Head Athletic Director. The Assistant Athletic Director may coach one sport each season.

**Head football coaches will be paid eighty-five percent (85%) of the supplement at the end of the regular season. The remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the supplement will be paid at the end of the spring season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS AND INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

The school **Athletic Director** must be a certified teacher on the school's faculty, with certification in physical education preferred. S/he is responsible for supervising all aspects of the middle school's intramural program, including all fiscal matters and coordination of the program with the physical education department. S/he will formulate and administer the necessary program policies and promote interest in the intramural program. S/he will submit activity reports and program outlines and results to the school Principal. The school **Athletic Director** coordinates and oversees all areas of the middle school's athletic program, including all fiscal matters, and coordinating the use of facilities for athletic events. The **Athletic Director** represents the school at related district level meetings and acts as a liaison between the administration, coaches, and sponsors. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: coordinating arrangements for sport officials and event personnel, supervise and maintain records of student eligibility, make team transportation arrangements, arrange for medical examinations, purchase equipment and supplies, make provisions for proper security at athletic events and other duties as assigned by the principal. The **Athletic Director** is required to have current CPR and First Aid.

The MS Coach is responsible for the daily and overall operation of his/her sport throughout its season including intramurals. The MS Coach is accountable for all staff, participants, equipment, facilities and uniforms used in the sport. Typical daily duties may include but are not limited to: following district policies and guidelines, providing a daily roll of attendance and specific schedule of activities to the Athletic Director, while mentoring, training, and caring of students under his or her charge, monitoring the academic progress of students as well as other duties as assigned. The MS Coach is required to have current CPR and First Aid. All Cheer Coaches are required to have current CPR and First Aid and the AACCA Safety Certification.

| MIDDLE SCHOOL | 0-3 Years | 4-7 years | 8+ Years |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Athletic Director | 1409 | 1444 | 1490 |
| Coach | 1172 | 1209 | 1255 |
| Assistant Coach | 781 | 806 | 837 |
| Intramural Program only | 828 | 857 | 887 |

Middle schools providing after school activity in the areas of combo soccer, basketball, boys flag football, volleyball, cheerleading, and cross country may provide coach supplements up to a maximum of twelve (12) positions per school at the principal's discretion and the approval of the Supervisor of Athletics.

If a school chooses to participate only in an intramural sport program, then the differential pay is adjusted for the position.

One assistant cross country coach is allowed when there are 40 or more participants on the team. A written request including a team roster must be filed with the Superintendent or designee prior to the beginning of the program for which a supplement is to be paid in cross country.

| SPECIAL OLYMPICS | 0-3 Years | 4-7 years | 8+ Years |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Special Olympics District Coordinator (2) | 1290 | 1332 | 1375 |
| Special Olympics Coach (per season) | 261 | 270 | 279 |

<u>APPENDIX D</u> DIFFERENTIAL PAY SCHEDULE – 2015-2016

| HIGH SCHOOL | 0-3 Years | 4-7 Years | 8+ Years |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| #*Drama (per major production – Limit 3) | 675 | 699 | 723 |
| #Student Council | 985 | 1019 | 1055 |
| *National Honor Society | 582 | 602 | 623 |
| Hi-Q | 912 | 944 | 977 |
| Vocational Clubs (4) | 515 | 533 | 562 |
| Other Approved Curricular Clubs (4) | 515 | 533 | 562 |
| (# if designated as curricular at the school) | 313 | 333 | 302 |
| (* 1 PER SCHOOL) | | | |
| (TERBOHOOE) | | | |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL | | | |
| *Student Council | 568 | 588 | 609 |
| *National Honor Society | 564 | 584 | 604 |
| Vocational Clubs (2) | 329 | 340 | 352 |
| Hi-Q | 353 | 366 | 379 |
| Drama (per major production – Limit 2) | 475 | 500 | 525 |
| Other Approved Curricular Clubs (4) | 250 | 259 | 290 |
| (* 1 PER SCHOOL) | | | |
| , | | | |
| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | | |
| Other Approved Clubs (7) | 250 | 259 | 268 |
| | | | |
| ALL GRADE LEVEL, DEPARTMENT CH | HAIRPERSON, TEAM LEA | DER and LEADERSHIP (| OPPORTUNITIES |
| 2 - 4 | 734 | | |
| 5 – 7 | 970 | | |
| 8 - 11 | 1237 | | |
| 12 plus | 1382 | | |
| TEAM Expert | 400 | | |
| Site Based Mentor | 400 | | |
| | | 4-7 years | 8+ Years |
| HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES | 0-3 Years | | |
| Band Director | 3025 | 3131 | 3241 |
| *Assistant (100+Students) | 2002 | 2076 | 2153 |
| Majorettes or Flag or Combo | 850 | 876 | 903 |
| Choral Director | 1798 | 1861 | 1926 |
| Combo Band & Choral | 3614 | 3928 | 4065 |
| #Video Yearbook or Hard Cover Yearbook | 1372 | 1420 | 1470 |
| #Newspaper | 1073 | 1111 | 1150 |
| *Senior Class | 937 | 970 | 1004 |
| *Junior Class | 814 | 842 | 871 |
| *Sophomore Class | 495 | 512 | 530 |
| *Freshman Class | 495 | 512 | 530 |
| (# if designated as curricular at the school) | | | |
| (* 1 PER SCHOOL) | | | |
| • | 0-3 Years | 4-7 years | 8+ Years |
| MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES | | · · | |
| Band Director | 1566 | 1621 | 1678 |
| Choral Director | 1142 | 1182 | 1223 |
| Combo Band & Choral | 1615 | 1672 | 1731 |
| Video Yearbook or Hard Cover Yearbook | 701 | 726 | 765 |
| Newspaper | | | |
| 1 te wapaper | 601 | 622 | 644 |

Leadership Opportunities: Leadership opportunities are being moved from the Leadership Initiative for Teachers (LIFT) to the differentiated pay schedule. (These opportunities are not included in the 3 supplement maximum.)

Team Expert: (1 positions per school site)

TEAM Experts will provide training and assistance on TEAM evaluation plans. They will work with new teachers, helping them manage their TEAM plan in TrueNorthLogic, complete a Deliberate Practice Plan, and complete all requirements of their plan. Additionally, they will work with any teachers needing support and guidance with their evaluation plans. TEAM Experts will be well trained in the Marzano Instructional Framework, will keep abreast of any changes or modifications to TEAM plans and will meet annually with the Manager of Evaluation and Compensation Manager to review TEAM trend data.

- Teacher must have been rated effective or highly effective on previous year final evaluation.
- Teacher must maintain TEAM Expert activity log sheet to submit to the Principal.

Site-based Mentor: (see scale below)

The mentor meets with a new teacher or a teacher needing added support for regularly scheduled structured meetings for a minimum of two periods per week. Meetings must include both inclassroom support and one-on-one conferences. When the mentor views the assigned teacher's practice, there is a mutually agreed upon purpose, driven by the needs of this teacher, and the mentor shares objective non-judgmental data about classroom practice. When the mentor meets one-on-one with the assigned teacher, it's for the purpose of holding reflective conferences that build the teacher's capacity to make effective instructional decisions. The mentor guides this teacher in the use of classroom and student data to formulate strategies, solutions, and next steps. The site-based mentor should have successfully completed the Peer Mentoring online course or equivalent.

- Teacher must have been rated effective or highly effective on previous year final evaluation.
- If the Site-based Mentor is a non-classroom teacher in which coaching and mentoring is part of their responsibility, they must fulfill this position outside of their normal work hours in order to receive this additional compensation.
- Teacher must maintain a Mentor activity log sheet to submit to the Principal.

| Count of Teachers | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Contract: IPF | Site-based Mentor |
| Category 1A | Supplements |
| 0 to 3 | 1 |
| 4 to 6 | 2 |
| 7 to 10 | 3 |
| 10 to 12 | 4 |
| 13 to 15 | 5 |
| 16 to 18 | 6 |
| 19 to 21 | 7 |
| 22 to 24 | 8 |
| 25 to 27 | 9 |
| 28 to 30+ | 10 |

Club Sponsors, Grade/Department Chair and Team Leaders:

High Schools will be allocated four (4) curricular club supplements and four (4) vocational club supplements. Middle Schools will be allocated four (4) curricular club supplements and two (2) vocational club supplements. Elementary Schools will be allocated seven (7) curricular club supplements.

Grade/Department Chair and Team Leader (Middle School only,) supplements will be based on the number to teachers in the Grade/Department or Team.

All Technology Contacts:

School-based employees, including District-Level Student Services Department and Exceptional Student Education Department, who provide computer software and hardware support to the M.I.S. department and who assist with computer training will receive an annual supplement according to the following formula:

- 1. 1 100 computers will generate 0.5 allocation unit.
- 2. 101 225 computers will generate an additional 0.5 unit or one full unit.
- 3. 226 350 computers will generate an additional 0.5 unit or 1.5 units.
- 4. Over 350 computers will generate an additional 0.5 unit for a total of 2 units.

The computer count will be based on the Instructional Microcomputer Survey conducted each fall by the M.I.S. Department. There should be parity between the number of computers served and the supplement amount received by the Technology Contact employees at each site. The supplement for a full allocation unit will have an index value of 0.0338 (\$900). The supplement for each 0.5 allocation unit will have an index value of 0.0169 (\$450).

All Test Coordinators:

School-based employees assigned to serve as Test Coordinators will receive an annual supplement according to the following formula:

| Number of Students | Elementary | Middle |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|
| 0-700 | \$800 | \$1600 |
| 701-1500 | \$900 | \$1800 |
| 1501 plus | \$1000 | \$2000 |

Schools with a student population of 2000 or more will receive an additional allocation. The dollar amount will be computed as one-half the student population applied to the formula.

Before/After School Supervision:

Based on the 180-day student calendar, for teachers who work 15 minutes before/after school for the purpose of student supervision.

\$350 - Before or After School

Science Fair:

Coordinator (school-based employee / one per school) \$500.00

Sponsoring Teachers:

| Lake Regional Science Fair and Engineering Fair of Florida | |
|--|--|
| Number of Students | |
| 1-5 | \$200.00 |
| 6-10 | Additional \$50.00 for a total of \$250.00 |
| 11 plus | Additional \$50.00 for total of \$300.00 |
| | |
| State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida | |
| Number of Students | |
| 1-5 | \$200.00 |
| | |
| International Science and Engineering Fair | |
| Number of Students – (Only one selected) | \$200.00 |

In-Service Instructors Compensation:

Employees of the Lake County School Board who serve as instructors of in-service components will be compensated at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, plus benefits. This includes all hours worked both direct and indirect instruction and is only for Teachers teaching Teachers. The same rate will be paid to all regardless of degree. The district employee contract must be signed by all parties in order for payment to occur.

Stipend Rate:

For participation in workshops and /or in-service outside of the regular workday: \$20.00 per hour.

Members of district approved writing teams will be compensated at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

APPENDIX E

GRIEVANCE FORM

| The School Board of Lake County | Lake County Education Association, Inc. Local 3783, FEA, AFT, AFL-CIO |
|--|--|
| | Number |
| NAME | SCHOOL |
| ASSIGNMENT | PHONE |
| HOME ADDRESS | |
| | arties, mediation shall be an option at any step. |
| No resolution from meeting with immediate | e supervisor held on |
| Step 1 (To be filed within 15 days after the grawhich is the basis of the grievance.) | ievant knew or should have known of the incident |
| | Lines: |
| C. Statement of facts regarding gr | rievance: |
| | |
| | |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Distribution: Original to Principal One (1) copy to Grieva One (1) copy to Associa | |
| | ys of receipt of grievance) Date Received: |
| Initials: Date of Meeting: | Decision: Granted Denied |
| Reason:(Use additional pages if needed.) | |
| Response received: Initial (Received within 5 days of the meeting held to | ials:o resolve the grievance) |
| Distribution: Original to Principal One (1) copy to Grieva | nt |

One (1) copy to Association

<u>Step 2</u> GRIEVANT'S RESPONSE (To be completed by Grievant within 5 days if Step 1 results are unacceptable or no disposition is filed within the time limit.)

I hereby request that the Superintendent/Designee review this grievance. Reason: Signature of Grievant: Date of Request: Distribution: Original to Principal One (1) Copy to Association One (1) copy to Grievant _____ Response to Step 2 (To be held within 10 days of receipt of request) Date request Received: Initials: Date of Meeting: Decision: Granted Denied Reason: Use additional pages if needed. Date response received: Initials: (To be received within 10 days of the review meeting held to hear the request) Distribution: Original to Superintendent/Designee One (1) copy to Principal One (1) copy to Association One (1) copy to Grievant ______ Step 3 GRIEVANT'S RESPONSE: (To be completed by Grievant within 10 days if Step 2 results are unacceptable or within 20 days if no response is forthcoming.) I hereby appeal this grievance to arbitration. Date of Appeal: Signature of Grievant: Distribution: Original to Superintendent/Designee One (1) copy to Principal One (1) copy to Association One (1) copy to Grievant ------Date Received: Superintendent/Designee: Distribution: Original to Superintendent/Designee One (1) Copy to Principal One (1) Copy to Association One (1) copy to Grievant LCEA/LCSB 7/2014

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teacher Removal of Student from the Classroom

School ____

| | cut im t | 1m // |
|---|---|--------------|
| Student Name | | |
| Submitting Teacher | Date Submit | tted |
| Documentation Summary (Copies of Documenta Three Interventions Used (at least one must inclu | | |
| Date & Type of Intervention | | |
| Outcome | | |
| 2. Date & Type of Intervention | | |
| Outcome | | |
| 3. Date & Type of Intervention | | |
| Outcome | | |
| | ries of Student Referral and Inc S 77F 001) attached | ident Report |
| Conference held with Teacher, Student, Adminis Date | D D | Yes No |
| Outcome | | |
| Signature | | Date |
| Placement of Student Until Convening of Commi | ittee | |
| | | |
| Administrator's Signature | | _ Date |
| Review Committee Meeting (must meet within 5 Decision(s) & Rationale | days of student removal) | Date |
| | | |
| Committee Signatures (please print name below) | | |
| Print Name | Print Name | Print Name |
| Signature | Signature | Signature |
| Submitting Teacher's Acknowledgment of Comm | - c | |
| | | |
| Signature | | Date |

MIS 72 005 07/18/06 RVS Submitted by Safe Schools Copies: Teacher Committee File Student File

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

APPLICATION FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE

| lame | | Wo | Worksite | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| Home Mailing Address | | | | | |
| Contract Status | | EIN | | | |
| I wish to apply for sabbatic Agreement and guidelines | | to provisions of Article | XVII, Section 15, o | f the negotiated | |
| Signature | | Dat | e | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | | |
| | FOR | OFFICE USE ONLY | | | |
| Year of Leave Desired | Eligibility Rec | ord: | | | |
| | School Year | Contract Status | IPPAS Score | Validated By | |
| Salary Withheld: | | | | | |
| \$ | | | | | |
| \$ | | | | | |
| \$ | | | | | |
| \$ | | | | | |



$LCEA\ Lake\ County\ Education\ Association,\ Inc.\ Local\ 3783$ ${\it Affiliated\ with\ FEA,\ AFT,\ NEA,\ AFL\ -CIO}$

Continuing Membership Application and Deduction Authorization

| Print Name (last /first) | EIN Number/SSN | Value of I | Birth | Home Telephone Number |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Home Addre ss | City, State and Zi | o Code | Personal E-mail Address | |
| School/Worksite with Position | | PAYROLLI | DEDUCTION | V |
| D Political Action Fund (To Opt Out) (These contributions are not tax deductible.) | es (36¢ /pay period) to | dues to be remitted to the L will be continued from year | ake County Educa to year unless res | to deduct from my salary membership ation Association. This authorization scinded in writing. I understand that 1 g thirty (30) days notice to the School |
| 1 do not authorize LCEA to use any portion of my du any political committee or committee of continuous e | xistence. | Board of Lake County and | the Lake County I | Education Association |

Any questions please contact: Lake County Education Association, 1713 South Street, Leesburg, FL 34749-0816, 352-787-2050

CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP Revocation of Association Dues Deduction

I request my membership with Lake County Education Association be cancelled. I hereby authorize my Association Dues Deduction be revoked.

Please initial each of the following rights and benefits to confirm you understand and accept that you will

no longer be eligible to receive them: _____ The right to representation in any disciplinary meetings. _____ The right to file a grievance with LCEA union representation. The right to free legal assistance and free legal consultation; if needed. _____ Free \$1,000,000 liability coverage. _____ Complimentary Life Insurance. Free Professional Development and teacher resources. _____ Free discounts and benefits from FEA (Access membership card), NEA (Click and Save), and AFT (Union Plus). , acknowledge that my union dues may be deducted for up to thirty (30) days following receipt of this form to the LCEA office at 1713 South St., Leesburg, Florida. This form will then be submitted to the payroll department at Lake County Schools to be processed. Reason/s for Cancellation: Printed Name Signature Home Email Address LCEA Representative Signature **EIN Number** Date

Per the LCEA Contract, please mail this form or deliver it to the LCEA office.

Job Classification/Position Held

In LCEA Contract, Article V, Section 1 A – Lines 235-239 it states, "Such authorization will continue in effect for the duration of this agreement unless revoked in writing to both the School Board and the Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to the dues deduction date on which termination of dues deduction is to become effective."

School/Worksite

LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL DOCUMENTATION SHEET

It is the responsibility of the instructor to teach the current course content, which includes the required Sunshine State benchmarks.

I have taught the required course content for my subject(s) grade level(s) and have complied with the above statement.

| GRADE LEVEL AND/ | | AUGHT: | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| Evidenced in Skyward: | | | Attendance:_ | |
| Check List: Other:_ If certain benchmarks responsibility of the te benchmarks were not tar | are not taught c | due to extenuating | g circumstance | |
| EXPLANATIONS: | | | | |
| Teacher's Signature | Date | Principal' | s Signature | |
| | | | | D |

APPENDIX F

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
The School Board of Lake County
And
The Lake County Association

Health Insurance

The parties to this Memo of understanding agree to the following regarding health insurance:

2017-2018

The Board will refund active instructional employees who participated in the health insurance plan for the 2017-18 year, an amount equal to the 7% increase experienced for the employee only base insurance plan regardless of which plan the employee was enrolled.

The approximate value of this proposal is \$1.20 per pay period which totals to \$24.00 for each employee.

2018-2019

Beginning July 1, 2018, employees will pay the <u>6</u>% increase on Blue Options Plans 3359 and 3559. The Florida Blue Options Plan 3559 is considered the base employee health insurance plan. The board will pay an amount equal to 95% of the employee only coverage premium/contribution for the base plan regardless of which plan the employee selects. For 2018-19, the board will give employees who have a health insurance premium \$22.20 credit to offset the base employee only plan increase. This Board premium/contribution is for employee only coverage for employees who work six (6) hours or more per day or thirty (30) or more hours per week.

The approximate value of this proposal is \$1.11 per pay period which totals to \$22.20 for each employee.

For the Board

Date

Date

10 Lux 19)

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The School Board of Lake County

And

The Lake County Association

Extra Stipend Pay

The parties to this Memo of understanding agree to implement the following salary supplements. The following provisions apply for the 2018-2019 school year.

- The district will provide an annual supplement of \$500.00 plus benefits for **all** instructional personnel assigned to Title I schools for the 2018-19 school year.
- The district will provide an additional differential of \$250.00 plus benefits for **all** teachers at schools that have a grade of "D" (Beverly Shores Elementary & Eustis Heights Elementary).
- The district will provide a critical shortage bonus of \$750.00 plus benefits to all teachers who are certified and teaching in the following identified: (ESE- Self Contained EBD and ASD with students for all core subjects, ESE Visually Impaired, ESE Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Speech Language, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and CTE Areas- Engineering, Networking/Cyber Security, Registered Nurse and TV Production).
- The above amounts will be prorated for teachers in their positions for less than the full school year.

For the Board

Date

Date

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The School Board of Lake County

And

The Lake County Association

Lake Technical College Evaluation System

The parties to this Memo of Understanding agree that Lake Technical College, a post-secondary institution, will use the Comprehensive Professional Assessment System (ComPAS) as the performance evaluation system for both classroom and non-classroom instructors. This evaluation system was researched and compiled by a committee comprised of College faculty and administration. Once written, all instructional personnel were provided the opportunity to review each indicator and submit feedback. Lake Technical Collage submitted a letter of support signed by the faculty and ComPAS was reviewed by the district joint TEAM committee.

.

For the Board

Date

For LCEA

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
The School Board of Lake County
And
The Lake County Association

Industry Certification Bonus

For 2018-19, instructors teaching classes with an associated available industry certification and digital tools certificates as identified on the State Career and Professional Education Funding List and CAPE Digital Tools Certificates list will receive a bonus for students earning the certification within the school year they are enrolled in the applicable program. This bonus will be paid the school year following the year in which the certifications are passed as long as the instructor is still employed by the School Board of Lake County, Florida. Instructors who teach program foundation courses which do not have an associated industry certification will receive the appropriate amount when a student earns a certification in a course in which the foundation course is a prerequisite.

If the certification is on the statewide industry certification community/state college articulation list, the bonus will be \$50 per eligible student. The bonus for all other industry certification programs will be \$25 per eligible student. The bonus for Digital Tools Certificates will be \$10 per eligible student.

For the Board

Date Date

For I CEA